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WASHINGTON.

A Day of General Excitement at the Capital.

The City Crowded with Visitors from All Parts.

Increased Curiosity Regarding Gen. Grant's Cabinet.

The Halls of Congress Crowded with Interested Spectators.

A Rush of Business and Evening Sessions in Both Houses.

Special Dispatches to the New-York Times.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, March 3.

That Washington is overflowing to-day with a great multitude of visitors is a feeble expression in view of the actual facts. The trains have continued to bring still greater crowds all day, until the hotels, the Avenue and the Capitol are one sea of curious, anxious, struggling and good-natured humanity. The city is to-night putting on its outward garb for to-morrow, and decorations and banners already float from flagstaff, roof-top and balcony, in all quarters. The telegrams to the hotels announce still other crowds coming, and by to-morrow morning the pressure will have reached its climax. The Capitol was the great centre of attraction, as a matter of course, and its corridors and passages were choked up with surging crowds of eager sight seers. The dull business routine of the two Houses was witnessed by hundreds who had never witnessed it before, and the galleries were filled from morning until evening with well-dressed strangers, whose presence is felt by the weary workers here as though it were a fresh inspiration. The marked feature of the inaugural visitors thus far, is their highly refined and respectable character. People of wealth and high social position seem to predominate, and the number of politicians and office-seekers is far below the average on such occasions. Events culminate to-morrow, and the promise to-night is one of success and brilliancy.

Cabinet matters begin to assume a little more definite shape. The same degree of speculation and rumor still prevails, but there have some few intimations transpired to-day that almost warrant a positive prediction as to some of the men. GEO. S. BOUTWELL, of Massachusetts, is conceded to be to-night by some of Gen. GRANT'S most confidential friends the selection for Secretary of the Treasury. Gen. JOSEPH HOLT and Hon. JAMES F. WILSON are two other names which there seems little reason to doubt will be in the list. These three are regarded to-night as reasonably certain. Mr. GRISWOLD for Secretary of the Navy is also looked upon by some as Gen. GRANT'S choice. Gov. DENNISON, of Ohio, will not go into the Cabinet, and Ohio will have no member. Gen. SCHOFIELD'S name will not be sent in with the others. That seems to be decided. The following slate is to-night receiving the sanction of the best informed judges in Washington:

Secretary of State, HAMILTON FISH.
Secretary of the Treasury, GEO. S. BOUTWELL.
Secretary of War, JOHN M. SCHOFIELD.
Secretary of the Interior, JAMES F. WILSON.
Secretary of the Navy, JOHN A. GRISWOLD.
Postmaster-General, JOSEPH HOLT.
Attorney-General, Mr. BREWSTER, of Philadelphia.

The most successful effort to draw Gen. GRANT out on the Cabinet question occurred to-day. It was accomplished by NAST, the artist. He undertook to depict the humors of the Cabinet mystery by representing GRANT as disclosing the Cabinet by shaking seven cats out of a bag, in presence of a curious crowd. The cats are all out, but NAST was brought to a sudden stop by being unable to put heads on them. This morning he called at headquarters, and sent his pencil and drawing to GRANT, with a polite request that he would finish it. Gen. GRANT laughed heartily at the picture, and informed Mr. NAST that he would finish it on Friday at noon. This, therefore, is a positive promise that there will be no delay in the announcement.

MR. COLFAX'S RESIGNATION.

During the delivery of Mr. COLFAX'S speech resigning the Speakership, the galleries were crowded, and almost every member of the House was in his seat. Large numbers of the members elect were also present on the floor. The crowd in the galleries was so great that several ladies fainted. Few of those who arrived after 9 o'clock could gain admission to the hall. Mr. COLFAX read his speech from the manuscript, much to the disappointment of those familiar with his easy and graceful style of delivery. The precautionary measure of writing out his speech had been taken probably for fear his memory might prove treacherous. Many believed when he unfolded his manuscript that they were to hear some important disclosures of future policy, but there were no political expressions in the speech except of a very general character. At the allusion to the right of people to govern, and the extension everywhere of the principle that all Governments derive their just powers from the consent of the governed, FERNANDO WOOD turned in his seat and looked at BROOKS with the slightest trace of a sarcastic smile on his face, but received no response from his colleague. To the expressions of absence of all unkindly feelings, the assertion that the fact that his rulings had not been reversed, Judge WOODWARD and others of the opposition were observed to nod assentingly. At the conclusion of the speech Mr. COLFAX had handed his gavel to Mr. WILSON, of Iowa, descended from the chair, and was disappearing in the direction of his room before a hand was raised in applause. At length the Democrats began applauding, and a hearty and generous response was thus made. Much feeling was displayed, both by the House and Mr. COLFAX, and in his opening sentences the agitation of the Speaker was plainly apparent. Immediately after Mr. WILSON had taken the chair Judge WOODWARD, at the suggestion of several members of the Opposition, offered a resolution highly complimentary to the retiring Speaker.

ELECTION OF MR. POMEROY AS SPEAKER.

Mr. POMEROY, of New-York, was elected Speaker unanimously, the voices of the Democrats being easily distinguished voting aye. The election was purely complimentary, and, as Mr. POMEROY said in his speech, without the slightest political significance. He announced his intention to retire at the end of this session to private life. The business of the day did not seem to be in the least impeded by the change. The House rattled away at the Speaker's table, and got so far down the calendar that there is no danger of losing any important bills, so far as it is concerned. POMEROY'S sharp, trenchant hammer rings through the hall, over and above all confusion, and his gavel comes down at every indication of disorder as readily as though he had always been in that chair.

THE NATIONAL UNION LEAGUE.

The Counsel of the National Union League of America, which has been in session here for the past two days, adjourned to-day. The attendance was very large, including delegates from all the unreconstructed States. The Chairman of the Mississippi delegation stated, in reviewing the condition of the States, that there was reason to hope that the Constitution would be carried at the next election, the Union element being largely increased. The Texas delegates represent that the Constitution framed by the late Convention is unsatisfactory to the Union men, as it fails to declare that the rights of citizenship conferred by it shall not be abridged or repealed, and that the rebel citizens strongly favor it. The North Carolina delegates represent the conservative element as gaining ground rapidly in their State, and say that if the new administration does not adopt a new and positive policy in the State, she will send no more loyal representatives to Congress. The Georgia Representatives say that the reason that the party elected an many colored men to office was less the fault of the colored men than the white Unionists, as few of the latter could be found to brave social ostracism for the sake of office. A committee of Southern members was appointed to prepare an address to the people of the country, setting forth the true condition of affairs in late rebel States. So great is the dread of social ostracism that it was resolved that the members of the Committee should not be required to sign the document, but append only the name of the League. They are, however, representative and reliable men. Gen. GRANT, of Pennsylvania, was unanimously elected President of the League. There was strong opposition to him by members of the League from his own State—old politicians who did not relish the idea of giving GRANT any additional political importance—and there was likelihood of his defeat, but Gen. VEGELEY, of the new school of Pennsylvania politicians, and a fellow-soldier of GRANT'S, made a brief speech, eulogizing him for his military services, and referring to his identification from the first with the principles of the Republican Party. The consequence was the election of Gov. GRANT without further opposition. THOMAS C. BAKER, of New-York, was elected National Secretary. From New-York the following were appointed on the Executive Committee: Messrs. George H. Van Cleft, Waldo Hutchings, William Y. Alexander, George S. McWaters, and Jacob M. Patterson, Jr., with Volney Green and Joseph Reese from Brooklyn. The Council meets in the City of New-York in December next.

BUSINESS IN THE SENATE.

There were periods to-day during the morning session of the Senate when, from the reckless squandering of time in almost endless debate, with an immense amount of important business unfinished, no one would have supposed that it was the last day of the Fortieth Congress. Crowded galleries seemed to open the fountains of wordiness, if not oratory, and Senators appeared more than usually anxious to speak on this question and on that. Mr. SCHENCK'S bill to strengthen the public credit has been passed by a majority after a debate which at one time looked as if it would last all day and kill other business. The Army Appropriation bill has been debated, amended and sent to a Conference Committee, the war claim of Massachusetts having been disallowed; a short Executive session has been held and the Civil and Miscellaneous Appropriation bill has been taken up. This is so far the record of the day. The galleries are crowded with spectators choking up the dozen door-ways and falling out in long line into the corridors. The scene somewhat resembles that of the impeachment days. While an amendment of the Committee allowing the Sisters of Charity of Charleston, S. C., $25,000 compensation for the destruction of their convent during the war was being debated, GARRETT DAVIS interrupted Mr. HOWARD, who was making a severe attack on the Catholic Church by offering a resolution of thanks to Mr. WADE for his services as Presiding Officer of the Senate. The resolution was declared unanimously adopted by Mr. THAYER, who was in the chair. HENDRICKS and BUCKALEW followed, both deprecating the introduction of religious topics into the proceedings of the Senate. Mr. HOWARD alluded to the action of the Pope in writing the famous encyclical letter to the American Bishops, asking them to use their influence to effect a peace between the North and the South. BUCKALEW was eloquent, sharp and incisive in reply.

At a few minutes after 10 o'clock Mr. CONKLING interrupted the debate by offering the report of the Conference Committee on the Post Office Appropriation bill, which was concurred in immediately, and so far as the Senate was concerned another appropriation bill was finished. The vote was then taken on the claim, and it was rejected by two majority. An amendment of the Committee to purchase a portrait of Mr. LINCOLN for the White House was not agreed to. Then came an appropriation of $15,000 for the improvement of the Capitol grounds.

At 11 o'clock the galleries thinned out and business became a little brisker, but still the progress was slow. Mr. HARLAN presented an amendment to reimburse Iowa in the sum of nearly $200,000, which, at this writing, 12:30, is now under debate.

SENATE, MIDNIGHT.—The session dragged on slowly until 12 o'clock, when more than half the Senators were in the committee or cloak rooms. The claim of the State of Iowa was allowed by a vote of 19 to 18. Then followed several other amendments of less importance on which various actions were taken. The report of the Committee of Conference on the Army Appropriation bill has just been presented. It is ordered back on account of some mistake. The galleries are nearly empty, and there is very little of interest transpiring.

EVENING SESSION OF THE HOUSE.

The scene in the House to-night is one of rare and deep interest. The great number of strangers in the city caused the galleries to be filled at an early hour, and up to the present hour every available seat has been occupied, while the door-ways are crowded with hundreds of others, who struggle for a glimpse of the law-makers at their work. The various halls and passages are thronged, while the illuminated rotunda gathers thousands of spectators, who gaze upon its wonders and its beauties in silent admiration.

There was a quorum present at the hour of reassembling. Mr. DAWES got the floor and put the House in excellent humor by several happy hits in a brief speech urging the passage of the joint resolution giving Messrs. MENARD and BAYNE, the Louisiana contestants, the sum of $2,500 each, previously offered by the House, but refused by the Committee on Accounts. He earnestly appealed to the House not to let their prejudices against color lead them into delay or injustice in a case where his claim was clear. This his was received with great laughter from all sides, particularly from the Democrats. He then yielded, as he said, to his consistent friend from Missouri, Mr. LOAN, (whose weight is 300 pounds avoirdupois.) After a spicy contest, in which Mr. WARD feelingly appealed to the House to begin the practice of economy in these, the last hours of the Fortieth Congress, the resolution passed by the majority.

The next contest was on a conference report on the Political Disabilities bill. This lasted nearly two hours, and the report was finally non-concurred in and another Conference was asked.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK.—The status of the several outstanding appropriation bills at this hour to-night was as follows: The Indian, Army, Legislative and Deficiency bills are all in Committees of Conference, with a very strong prospect that the Indian and Army bills will fail. The Deficiency bill is just finished in the Senate, and will probably get through during the night. The House does not want to sit all night, but the business of the Senate being so far behind it seems to be necessary. The Conference Committee on the Bank bill was in session all afternoon, and at one time there was a prospect of an agreement. But up to this hour the report has not been signed, and the bill will probably fail. The great block is on the distribution section.

ELEVEN-THIRTY P. M.—The House has just spent an hour in filibustering, the Democrats trying, for some unknown purpose, to defeat the conference report on the Post Office Appropriation bill, but they have just been brought to a stand still by a resolution from BINGHAM, cutting off dilatory motions. The opposition are very weak to-night, not mustering enough to obtain the yeas and nays. Legislation drags in the House, because there are several bills on the Speaker's table which are objectionable to the opposition, and they impede progress by all sorts of parliamentary tactics. There is an independent on the part of the House to remain in session all night, but it seems imperatively necessary to do so if the Appropriation bills are to get through.

MIDNIGHT.—The House is still engaged on dilatory motions. The Democrats have succeeded in getting a call of the yeas and nays on a motion to adjourn, despite the paucity of their numbers. The Globe contract matter is up, and ELA moves to lay on the table the resolution transferring the matter to the Government Printer. The House is getting thin, and it is evident that there may be a call of the House needed before another hour passes. The galleries are well cleared out, though several hundred still hang on, and many will doubtless spend the whole night on the benches.

Dispatches to the Associated Press.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, March 3.

THE PUBLIC DEBT.

The following is a statement of the public debt on the 1st of March, 1869:

Debt Bearing Coin Interest.

Five per cent. bonds	$621,124,500 00
Six per cent. Five-twenty bonds	1,522,567,500 00
Six per cent. bonds, 1881	65,577,000 00
Total	$2,107,254,000 00

Debt Bearing Currency Interest.

Three per cent. certificates	$97,100,000 00
Navy Pension Fund at 5 per cent.	14,000,000 00
Total	$111,100,000 00

Matured Debt Not Presented for Payment.

Three-year 1-30 notes, due Aug. 15, 1867, and June 15, 1868	$1,216,950 00
Compound interest notes matured June 15, July 15, Aug. 15, Oct. 15, Dec. 15, 1864; Jan. 15, Feb. 15, Mar. 15, Sept. 1, and 15, and Oct. 1 and 15, 1865	3,422,440 00
Bonds, Texas Indemnity	250,000 00
Treasury notes, act of July 17, 1861, and March 3, 1863	148,411 64
Bonds, April 15, 1842, Jan. 28, 1847, and March 22, 1858	20,000 00
Treasury notes, March 3, 1865	374,020 00
Temporary loan	120,010 00
Certificates of indebtedness	12,000 00
Total	$5,563,432 64

Debt Bearing No Interest.

United States notes	$356,021,079 00
Fractional currency	26,701,247 10
Gold certificates of deposit	25,275,000 00
Total	$411,975,146 10

Six Per Cent. Lawful Money.

Bonds issued to Pacific Railroad Companies	$64,623,000 00
Total debt	$2,660,561,624 14

Amount in the Treasury.

Coin	$80,731,289 72
Currency	16,000,000 00
Total	$115,731,289 72
Amount of debt, less cash in the Treasury	$2,544,830,334 42

The foregoing is a correct statement of the public debt, as it appears from the books and Treasurer's returns in the Department, on the date first above.

HUGH MCCULLOCH,
Secretary of the Treasury.

MR. SEWARD'S RETIREMENT FROM OFFICE.

The following correspondence has just taken place:

WASHINGTON, March 3, 1869.

To Hon. William H. Seward:

The undersigned, officers in the Department of State, cannot allow the occasion of your retirement from the public service to pass without a word expressive of their cordial appreciation of the uniform and considerate kindness which you have manifested toward them while in the discharge of their responsible duties. They feel that they would be false to themselves if they should in the hour of your retirement, in the midst of unmerited calumnies and danger, you have challenged the various and conflicting duties of your high office. While they do not doubt, however, that the high place to which you have been called, and which none is so fitted, by appeal, they especially desire to bear testimony to the fact that amidst the press of public cares not the weight of private sorrows, the labors of your office have not been allowed to interfere in part the exercise on your part of those traits of character which render official intercourse so gratifying and the discharge of official duties so pleasant. They fervently pray for their country's sake that your mental strength may be prolonged, and for your own that it may be attended with every possible blessing, the undersigned subscribe themselves,

[Your obedient servants,
Signed by W. HUNTER, JOHN B. HASWELL and the other employes of the Department.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3, 1869.

GENTLEMEN: I hasten to acknowledge the kind letter which you have just laid upon my table. It gives me sincere pleasure to bear testimony to the zealous fidelity to it every loyal, capable, trustworthy and valuable officer whom I found in the Department when I entered it, with the exception of those who have voluntarily retired from the public service. It gives me equal pleasure to witness that there is not among the subordinates of your bureau one upon whom I would not confidently rely for faithful public service. A comparison between the list of subscribers and the official roll, as it stood when I entered the Department, and as it stood at various periods of my official life, would be instructive, verifying the fact that, although the country has passed through a long and severe civil war, and has subsequently passed through a many political commotions, no officer of rank in the Department, or only two persons, have been dismissed from the service for disloyalty, two or three at most for incompetency, and one for betrayal of the secrets of the Government. Such a record is, I think, as it should be, as it ought to be, and as it will be, a standard for the regulation expectation of our own successors. It is, I think, also a pledge that the rights in connection with a stationary the Vicechiefs of sections, and that such can only be performed when we shall have ceased to be. Let us, therefore, we pledge ourselves to the cause of our country, our love and consecrating to each other the humble profession that whatever may be the errors which history may at any time point out in our conduct, they will be the errors of judgment, and not of motive or purpose. In the name of the President of the United States I thank you all, and each of you, for the courtesy, fidelity, and cheering with which you have performed duty, over several years, and I pray God to have you all constantly, with your respective families and friends, in His holy keeping.

I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant,
WILLIAM H. SEWARD.

To Messrs. W. HUNTER, R. S. CHEW, E. PESSINE SMITH, GEORGE E. BAKER, B. S. CHILTON and others.

THE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT RATIFIED IN WEST VIRGINIA.

Representative HUBBARD, of West Virginia, has received a dispatch from Wheeling announcing that the West Virginia Legislature has to-day ratified the Constitutional Amendment, the vote being in the House 36 to 19, and in the Senate 16 to 6.

STRAUDER AND ARNOLD PARDONED.

The President last night signed the pardons for STRAUDER and ARNOLD, convicted on charge of complicity in the assassination of President LINCOLN, and now at Dry Tortugas. With the death of O'LAUGHLIN, and the pardon of MUDD and these above named, there will seem to be no more prisoners here connected with that tragedy. The father of ARNOLD, who lives in Baltimore, received his son's pardon to-day from the hands of the President. That for STRAUDER was also sent to be forwarded to Florida. Other pardons were issued to-day and given to the delighted friends and relatives who had solicited the Executive clemency.

VISITORS TO THE WHITE HOUSE.

The Executive Mansion has been thronged during the entire day. It is estimated that at least 5,000 persons called during the day; the majority of them, however, being strangers actuated by a desire to view the different room of the Executive Mansion and the adjoining grounds. Many took formal leave of President JOHNSON. An interesting feature of the events of this afternoon was a visit to the President by a large number of officers of the navy and heads of bureaus of the Navy Department, headed by Secretary WELLES and Admiral JOSEPH SMITH. Here the leave-takings were of the kindest character. No army officers had called in a body up to 5 o'clock to-day.

At 5 o'clock to-day the entire Diplomatic Corps, consisting of foreign ministers, secretaries, attaches, together with the ladies of their families, visited the State Department and took leave there of the Secretary of State, and Assistant Secretary Mr. F. W. SEWARD.

They then proceeded from the State Department to the Executive Mansion, where they were severally presented by the Secretary of State to the President of the United States. The President addressed them as follows:

"On such, you on this, the last occasion of our official intercourse, I have to express my sincere regret at the unfortunate circumstances which have prevented the cordial and friendly intercourse which I had hoped to have had with the representatives of foreign nations, in passing with you a few social hours, and, in present, mutual acquaintance. I pray you all and each of you to accept my best wishes for your future welfare and happiness."

The President then turned, and giving his hand to each of the ladies, bade them a courteous farewell, with an assurance of his best wishes for their future welfare and happiness.

Mr. BLOWITZ, the senior member of the Diplomatic Corps, replied to the President, as follows:

"Mr. PRESIDENT: In behalf of the Diplomatic body, I give you thanks for the uniform courtesies and kindness with which you have honored us, and we trust you will bear with you the assurance that the Government of the United States, and we tender you the best wishes for your individual happiness and for that of all the members and authorities of the Government."

The Diplomatic body then renewed their parting salutations to the Secretary of State, and retired to their respective homes.

FORTIETH CONGRESS.

THIRD SESSION.

SENATE....WASHINGTON, Wednesday, March 3.

The Senate having passed the Deficiency Appropriation bill at 2 o'clock this morning, adjourned until noon.

At 12 o'clock the Senate again met.

SYMPATHY WITH SPAIN.

Mr. SUMNER, from the Committee on Foreign Affairs, reported back the joint resolution expressing sympathy with Spain, with the recommendation that the Senate should nonconcur in the amendments of the House. The Senate refused to concur.

THE CASE OF MR. CORCORAN.

Mr. HARLAN, from the Committee on the District of Columbia, reported a joint resolution in relation to the lands and other property of W. W. CORCORAN in the District of Columbia, used by the Government during and since the rebellion. It instructs the Secretary of the Treasury to withhold all payment from Mr. CORCORAN until he shall have taken the test oath.

Mr. HOWARD understood that Mr. CORCORAN had abandoned his property here, and gone away to stay during the war. He also understood that Mr. CORCORAN had been a rebel sympathizer, and he wanted to know why such a man should be paid at all.

On motion of Mr. BAYARD, the yeas and nays were ordered.

Mr. DAVIS said that Mr. CORCORAN was entitled to compensation for his property without being required to take such oath; and therefore he would not vote to impose the oath upon him.

THE PUBLIC CREDIT BILL.

Pending the vote, Mr. SHERMAN made a report from the Committee of Conference, on the bill to strengthen the public credit.

Mr. BAYARD addressed the Senate in opposition to concurring in the report of the Committee, and also in opposition to the general principle of the bill, denying that Congress had a right to declare the effect of previous legislation.

Mr. SHERMAN briefly explained the action of the Committee of Conference.

Mr. SPRAGUE, in behalf of the suffering industries of the country, earnestly protested against the passage of this bill—a measure better calculated than any other yet proposed to bring about the repudiation of the national debt, and certain to do so, if the people were true to themselves.

Mr. HENDRICKS did not think the bill improved by the action of the Conference Committee, and again urged the view that Congress has no right now to change the contract originally made between the people and the bondholders.

Mr. MORTON said that, although he was a member of the Committee of Conference, he had not signed the report, and could not vote for it because it proposed to make a new contract, for which there was neither necessity nor excuse.

Mr. WILLIAMS defended the bill as reported by the Committee, and insisted that, even if it were admitted that the five-twenty bonds might legally be paid in paper, yet this bill, as a measure of good policy, ought to be passed.

Mr. COLE opposed the bill.

Mr. WILLIAMS asked whether the Senator from California—the land of gold, where the people held all their debts in coin—was in favor of paying the public debt of the United States in depreciated paper.

Mr. COLE replied that he was in favor of paying the public debt according to the terms of the contract under which it was incurred. If by the contract the bonds should become due, the United States should have resumed coin payments, the bonds would be paid in coin, but if they fell due before that time, they would not, and ought not, to be so paid.

Mr. SPRAGUE again expressed his opposition to the bill. It was a measure which would make capital higher, when it was already so high that no American industry within his knowledge could afford to employ it.

Mr. BUCKALEW said that without having the report of the Committee of Conference before them, Senators could not discuss its merits or judge of them intelligently, and thought it unwise to attempt to force the bill through under the circumstances.

The report of the Committee was then agreed to by a vote of yeas 32, nays 24.

TEXT OF THE BILL.

The following is the Public Credit bill as agreed to in the Committee of Conference:

"Be it enacted, etc., That the faith of the United States is solemnly pledged to the payment in coin or its equivalent of all the obligations of the United States not bearing interest, known as United States notes, and of the interest-bearing obligations of the United States, except in cases where the law authorizing the issue of any such obligation shall specifically require payment in lawful money, or in the money in which the bond is payable, and the faith of the United States is solemnly pledged to the payment in coin or its equivalent of all the obligations of the United States not bearing interest, known as United States notes, and of the interest-bearing obligations of the United States, except in cases where the law authorizing the issue of any such obligation shall specifically require payment in lawful money, or other currency than gold and silver, but interest on all interest-bearing obligations, not already due, shall be paid or redeemed at the maturity, unless at such time United States notes shall be convertible into coin at the option of the holder, or unless at such time bonds of the United States of any description bearing a lower rate of interest than the bonds to be redeemed can be sold at par in coin. And the United States also solemnly pledges its faith to make provision, at the earliest practicable period, for redemption of United States notes in coin.

"SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That any contract hereofore made or entered into, or any money hereofore loaned or obligation of which may be a loan of coin or sale of property, or the rendering of labor or service of any kind, the price of which is specified in the contract, may have been adjusted on the basis of the coin value thereof at the time of such sale, or the rendering of such service or labor, shall be legal and valid, and shall be enforced by judgment and decree, and on the trial of a suit brought for the enforcement of any such contract, proof of the real consideration may be given.

THE MASSACHUSETTS WAR CLAIM.

The morning hour having expired, the Army Appropriation bill came up as unfinished business.

Mr. HARLAN asked the Chairman of the Committee on Appropriations to yield the floor long enough to let the vote be taken on the joint resolution relative to the payment of W. W. CORCORAN, but Mr. CONKLING objected to the consideration of any business other than the Army Appropriation bill. Upon this bill the pending amendment was that offered by Mr. SUMNER providing for the payment of the interest claim of Massachusetts and Maine for advances made for the United States during the war of 1812 and 1815.

Mr. SUMNER had already modified his amendment so as to provide that the claim should be examined and paid according to the same rules and limitations applied in the case of the similar claim of Maryland.

Mr. GRIMES said the proposition as modified was no less objectionable than before, and he would vote against it in every form, and would even vote against the Army Appropriation bill rather than vote for such a proposition.

Messrs. DRAKE and CHANDLER appealed to Mr. SUMNER to withdraw the amendment and let the Army Appropriation bill be passed.

Mr. SUMNER said he had no desire to delay the bill. All he asked was that the opponents of his amendment would let the Senate vote on it.

Mr. SPRAGUE said that his own argument sided by the speech of the Senator from New-York, (Mr. CONKLING,) had convinced him that he should vote for the claim of Massachusetts. He thanked New-York and Massachusetts for their generous conduct in the war of 1812. New-England had suffered and done more in that war than any other section, and the citizens of Massachusetts was simply that she kept her soldiers at home where there was danger, and refused to let them go where there was none.

The amendment was then adopted—yeas 16, nays 24.

The Army Appropriation bill was then passed.

MR. CORCORAN TO BE PAID.

On motion of Mr. HARLAN, the joint resolution relating to the claim of W. W. CORCORAN was then taken up and passed—yeas 24, nays 5.

NORMAN WIARD'S BILL.

Mr. NYE proposed to call up the bill for the relief of NORMAN WIARD, but

Mr. GRIMES objected, and said that the bill could not be properly considered before recess.

Mr. NYE said he thought the bill would not give rise to debate.

Mr. GRIMES said he was entirely familiar with the claim.

Mr. NYE was unable to see how that altered the nature of the claim.

EXECUTIVE SESSION.

At 4:15 o'clock, on motion of Mr. CONKLING, the Senate went into Executive session.

The Senate, after coming out of Executive session, took a recess until evening.

EVENING SESSION.

Mr. SUMNER called up the joint resolution to carry into effect the decree of the United States Court of New-York in relation to a British steamer. Passed.

COURT OF LOUISIANA CLAIMANTS.

Mr. SUMNER moved to take up a joint resolution to carry into effect the decree of the United States District Court of Louisiana in relation to a certain other British steamer; but

Mr. SUMNER objected, and said he was opposed to compensating British subjects for losses incurred in the rebellion, unless that decree was made during the late war, until Great Britain shall take some positive action for the payment of the Alabama claims.

MISCELLANEOUS APPROPRIATIONS.

The Civil and Miscellaneous Appropriation bill was then taken up.

Mr. CONKLING offered an amendment, which was agreed to, to enable the Secretary of the Treasury and the Attorney-General to compromise the land bought by the United States for the site of the new Post Office in New-York City for the same or a greater quantity of land further up in the City Hall Park.

The amendment reported by the Committee on Appropriations giving the Sisters of Mercy of Charleston, S. C., $25,000 in recognition of their services to Union prisoners during the late rebellion, gave rise to some discussion.

Mr. DRAKE opposed it because it was the professed business of these ladies to be charitable, and they ought not to be paid for it.

Mr. HOWARD opposed it because he did not think it right to single out any particular class of benevolent ladies to be especially rewarded for their services to the Union soldiers; and if he were to discriminate in favor of any class he would not be in favor of members of the Catholic Church. He remembered, and the people remembered, the circular letter addressed by the Pope to Catholic Bishops of the United States, urging them to bring about peace, meaning that it should be brought about by the recognition of the independence of the Southern Confederacy. He remembered too that after that letter there were few enlistments of Catholics in the army, so that large bounties had to be offered to recruit the armies. With a few brilliant and honorable exceptions, the influence of the Roman Catholic clergy had been against the Union, not to say in favor of the rebellion.

Mr. HENDRICKS was surprised that the Senator from Michigan (HOWARD) should make such an attack upon one of the Churches of the country; and to the best of his knowledge the statements of the Senator as to the few enlistments of Catholics in the army were incorrect in point of fact. He knew that in Indiana the number of Catholics who had enlisted in the Union army was very large. Neither was it true that the Catholic clergy had cast their influence against the Union. Every one remembered that the most distinguished Prelate of the Catholic Church, Archbishop HUGHES, had gone to Europe to use his influence in behalf of the Union, at the call of President Lincoln. He was not the only distinguished Bishop of another Church, Bishop MCILVAINE, done much for the cause of the Union.

Mr. SAWYER advocated the appropriation, and called attention to the testimony of Gens. SHERMAN, THOMAS, SCHOFIELD and GILLMORE, as to the great services of the Sisters of Charity of Charleston to the suffering Union soldiers.

Mr. BUCKALEW said that the Pope, in the letter criticised by the Senator from Michigan, (HOWARD,) had expressed no opinion on either side of every civil war, but had, in accordance with his ecclesiastical character, urged the clergy of his Church to seek the restoration of peace.

After further discussion the amendment was rejected; yeas 20, nays 22.

A VOTE OF THANKS TO MR. WADE.

Mr. DAVIS—The present Congress will close to-morrow at noon. Before we separate I feel that I, personally, and the Senate have a debt to pay to our presiding officer. I therefore ask leave to present, with much real satisfaction, the following resolution, which I hope the Senate will receive with the same feeling that prompted me to offer it:

Resolved, That the thanks of the Senate are due, and they are hereby tendered, to Hon. BENJAMIN F. WADE, for the ability, impartiality and justice with which he has presided over the deliberations of the Senate during the time he has occupied the chair.

The resolution was adopted by a unanimous vote.

MR. LINCOLN'S PORTRAIT.

The amendment reported by the Committee to the Civil Appropriation bill, providing for the purchase of a portrait of President LINCOLN, to be placed in the White House, was agreed to.

Mr. HAMLIN offered an amendment to reimburse Iowa for expenses in the war of the rebellion $220,848.

Mr. EDMUNDS raised the point of order that the amendment had not been reported from any Committee.

The President overruled the point of order.

The amendment was agreed to.

Mr. CHANDLER offered an amendment appropriating $50,000 for the improvement of the mouth of the Mississippi. Agreed to.

Mr. MORRILL, of Vermont, offered an amendment repealing the charter of the Washington Gas Light Company. Adopted.

Mr. WILSON, from the Committee on Conference on the Army Appropriation bill, made a report which was concurred in. The Civil Appropriation bill was then reported to the Senate and passed.

At 12:30 A. M., on motion of Mr. CONKLING, the Senate went into Executive Session.

The Senate came out of Executive session at 1:30 o'clock.

The Committees of Conference on the Legislative Appropriation bill and the Deficiency Appropriation bill made reports, which were concurred in.

Mr. WILLIAMS reported from the Committee of Conference on the bill to remove political disabilities that they were unable to agree.

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN called up his bill relating to naturalization, upon which he made an argument; but, without acting upon it, the Senate again at 2 o'clock A. M. went into Executive Session.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES.

The House met at 10 o'clock with an unusually large attendance of members, and with the galleries crowded to their utmost capacity.

After prayer a message was received from the Senate stating that that body had passed the Legislative and the Post Office Appropriation bills.

On motion of Mr. SPALDING the amendments were concurred in, and a Committee of Conference asked for.

THE SPEAKER'S RESIGNATION.

The SPEAKER then, in the midst of profound silence, rose and delivered his farewell address to the House, prefacing his remarks with the announcement that he had asked the gentleman from Iowa (Mr. WILSON,) to preside as Speaker pro tem. until the election of his successor.

Mr. COLFAX spoke as follows:

GENTLEMEN:—The opening of the legislative day, at the close of which I shall enter upon another sphere of duty, requires me to tender to you this resignation of the place which, by your kindness, I have held for six years, so to speak, on the session of a Speaker for the brief no shed, of the session. The parting word among friends about to separate is always a prompt one; but the farewell address, delivered from this hall, in which so many years have been spent, excites in me emotions which it would be useless to attempt to conceal. Ever since I first took my seat in the Thirty-second Congress, I have been associated with the Representatives of the people here, have been full of overall legislation, of exciting issues and of great questions vitally affecting the entire Republic. All these, with the accompanying scenes, which so often transpired in this arena of debate, the warmth of feeling of our minds of the history. And I have felt that to express the joy which I naturally is showed by the men of our country, that the salvation had of was which has so long, during our imperiled Union served, then Presidents or Congresses, I should hardly was appropriate. But I cannot leave you without one word of rejoicing over the present condition of our Republic among the nations of the earth. With our military and naval forces reduced to a peace footing, our flag was in the seas almost unknown, our commerce, our manufacturing population, and the wealth of our cities in the oppressed of all other classes; with our vast domain and mineral resources, with our vantage on the two great oceans of the globe, and our three million freedmen, our free schools, our free press, our public shows and housing the highway, the United States of America, the nation the longest among the nations of the earth. With our military and naval forces reduced to a peace footing, our flag was in the seas almost unknown, our commerce, our manufacturing population, and the wealth of our cities in the oppressed of all other classes; with our vast domain and mineral resources, with our vantage on the two great oceans of the globe, and our three million freedmen, our free schools, our free press, our public shows and housing the highway, the United States of America

GRIFFITH GAUNT.

Proceedings in the Action for Libel, by Charles Reade Against the "Round Table."

The proceedings in this case were continued yesterday, before his Honor Judge CLERKE, in the Supreme Court.

Mr. Gerry said he wished to read the article published in No. 85 of the *Round Table*, published on the 15th October last. In the same number of that paper was published the letter of Mr. Charles Reade, and the article referred to it in very strong terms, and was headed "An English Bully." He proceeded to read the article.

Mr. Sewell—I object to the introduction of this article on the ground that any one reading it in aggravation of the original libel—I think it is the right in which counsel wished to have it, since and not the original—I think if his Honor would glance over the article before it is read, he would see that it is otherwise or not. The article was published more the other the affected libels, and it is to sought to introduce it as an aggravation of the offense charged in the libel. The decisions upon this point are very strong. It has been decided in the court of last resort that no other matter which is in itself libelous can be admitted, as tending to show an action for libel, can be admitted, as tending to show the plaintiff would recover twice the amount he sues for.

Mr. Gerry—I would point out a difference in this case, and your Honor admits the reading of the article, the *Round Table*. The defense will be to show the purpose of charging Mr. Reade with certain delinquencies which he is not guilty of, and which he denies. They propose to rely on these other articles as evidence of a justification of the previous libel or in mitigation of damages. Now, I think the other is the fairer, but in the very nature of the other is the better. I want to read these comments in order to show the purpose of the publication of the libel. I want to show that the actuals that happened those original libels still remained with the writer.

After some further discussion the decision of the court was that the reading of the article in question might be permitted.

Mr. Gerry then proceeded to read the article.

The counsel for the defendants then proceeded with the examination of the witness.

Richard Henry Stoddard, examined by Mr. Sewell, deposed: I know Mr. Reade and Mr. Dickens; more for about ten years; I know Mr. Reade well; I know of no reason why I should not be a competent witness in the proceeding in question.

Q.—In the literary world will you be kind enough to state whether if an author has been employed by another to assist him in writing a book, and then passed it off as his own without acknowledgment of the assistance rendered, it would not be damaging to his reputation to do so?

Mr. Gerry—One moment if you please. I have no objection to their putting just as many questions as they please, but they have not shown that this gentleman is an expert.

Mr. Sewell—I had supposed from the well-known public nature of my friend, that he would have known.

Mr. Gerry—Ah! That just hears out my objection. They place a poet on the stand and then ask him to pass upon novels.

His Honor—The objection is overruled.

Mr. Sewell repeated the question.

Witness—I think it would depend something on the kind of work in question. It would be injurious to an author's reputation, in others it would not.

Mr. Gerry—During the time you have mentioned you have been engaged in literary pursuits, have you written any novels?

Witness—I have written several magazine stories, but no novels.

Counsel—Do you know of any case in the literary world in which an author employed another to write a book for him, and then published the book over his signature, without mentioning the name of the person employed by him? On its becoming known, would it be any damage to his character?

Witness—It seems to me you have several questions together.

Mr. Gerry—I think not. It is a hypothetical case. Question repeated.

Witness—I don't know of such a case.

Henry Gedney—I am present editor of the *Round Table*; I have also exercised the profession of an author for the last twenty years; I have written prose stories, novels, as they are called; it is a common practice for novel writers to employ assistants to write for them; I know of such things being done; it is an author's prerogative to do so; if a person publishes the book without mentioning the assistants name, I should say it would, in some instances, injure his reputation; the practice of having literary assistants is not confined to novels; it has been long; to my knowledge only within the past few years.

Q.—Do you know of any eminent author who has employed persons to assist him? A.—I have heard the practice imputed to Mr. Dickens, but I could not swear of my own knowledge; it would be very hard to give evidence of actual knowledge of such a thing.

Q.—Is it the general impression that Mr. Dickens employs men to write his novels? A.—I have been told that other persons wrote those stories which are known as "Dickens's stories." I should say that the statement was so widely circulated that Mr. Dickens and his friends felt called upon to refute it; at first, it may have been denied; but afterward it was in part admitted.

Mr. Sewell—That Dickens did not write them?

Witness—Yes. One of two of the gentlemen who wrote them told me that they have so written them.

Mr. Gerry—I object to this question. Have you either of the *Round Table* on the 15th of October, last?

Witness—I was.

Mr. Gerry—That's all.

Mr. Richard Grant White recalled, and cross-examined by Mr. Gerry, deposed: I know nothing about Mr. Reade; I have read his novels; I know much about his reputation as an author; I have read only a chapter or two of her works; her general reputation is that of a writer of sensation novels, which are objectionable in point of taste rather than in point of morals.

Mr. Gerry—I understand you have read *Griffith Gaunt*?

Witness—I have.

Mr. Gerry—Did you know of its circulation in families?

Witness—I did, as one knows of the circulation of books generally.

Mr. Gerry—Was it been admitted in your own family?

Witness—It was; I gave it to my wife and sister to read, after I had carefully read it myself.

Mr. Gerry then read long extracts from the alleged libels, and said to the witness: Assuming such articles to have been published in a paper of which 3,000 copies were circulated, would you think such articles have on the character of a writer to be read?

Mr. Whitney objected, and his Honor thought the question not admissible.

Witness (resuming)—I have heard of cases in which authors had been injured by affixing their names to the writings of other persons, but I cannot give the particulars; Mr. Reade's novels are what I understand by sensational novels; I should have as Miss Braddon; I should *What Will The World Say?* It is not certain that she did not write it; I did not read it; I read a portion of it; of course the reading of the book of an obscene nature, and the publication of such work would be very scandalous; the effect of such work on the credit of a writer and on the future sale of his work would be injurious; I should think the character of the publisher making the charge.

David Dudley—I am a publisher, at No. 18 Mercer-street; I published an edition of the novel of *Griffith Gaunt*; I published an edition of sixty thousand copies of the work; these copies all sold; it was the largest circulation of any novel our firm ever published.

Mr. Gerry—Where did you get the copy from which to set up the novel of *Griffith Gaunt*?

Witness—From the *Atlantic Monthly*, except the last portion of the story; these I got from Ticknor & Fields' edition; it came into New-York on the Saturday afternoon, and I had the edition of the novel on Monday morning.

Mr. Gerry—What did you pay Mr. Ticknor for the novel?

Witness—Nothing.

Mr. Gerry—You gave him no remuneration whatever?

Witness—Not a cent.

Mr. Gerry—Did you pay Reade, the author, anything?

Witness—Nothing.

Mr. Whitney then summed up the case for the defendants.

Mr. William D. Booth summed his willingness to sum up the case for the plaintiff.

His Honor said he thought it would be advisable to adjourn till to-morrow, when the entire case could be finished, and go to the jury.

The Court then adjourned till ten o'clock this morning.

Board of Education.

The New-York Board of Education met last evening, President R. L. LAIRDSMORE in the chair.

A motion to appropriate the sum of $75,000 for the enlargement of Primary School building No. 1, in Ludlow-street, was discussed at length, and finally tabled.

Commissioner WARREN presented a communication, addressed to him by the Society for the Protection of Destitute Roman Catholic Children, asking for a share in the distribution of worn-out school furniture. The matter was referred to the Committee on Buildings.

The sum of $64,000 was appropriated with which to purchase three lots on the northerly side of Fifty-fourth-street, near Sixth-avenue, upon which to erect a new building for the use of Primary School No. 46.

An appropriation of $65,000 was voted for the purchase of four lots of ground, and the buildings thereon, known as Nos. 324 to 330 Fifth-street, inclusive, on which to erect an edifice for a grammar and primary school combined.

The Finance Committee reported that the amounts of school moneys to be apportioned for the year 1869, were as follows:

First, an amount equal to the State quota as reported in the estimate in November last, which was..... $504,616 40

Second—An amount equal to one-twentieth of one per cent. on the taxable property of the City..... 454,218 18

Total..... $949,092 58

The total amount, as before stated, being $950,000. The amount to be apportioned, per scholar, is about $9 88.

The report was adopted and ordered to be printed.

It was resolved to hire a large brick building in Fifty-second-street, between Seventh and Eleventh avenues, for the use of a new primary school, at an annual rental of $2,000.

On recommendation of the Finance Committee the sum of $30,000 was appropriated for blasting rocks, and grading lots for a school site in West Fifty-seventh-street, in the Eighteenth Ward. The same Committee recommended this sum be appropriated for the purchase of two lots of ground in Sheriff-street, for the extension of Primary School building No. 20, and the report was adopted.

The Board then adjourned until the 17th inst.

The New-York Sewerage System.

The Standing Committee on Public Health, of the Legislature, met yesterday at the Fifth-avenue Hotel, pursuant to a resolution introduced to the Assembly by Mr. ESSMAN, and adopted, authorizing an inquiry into the system of sewerage adopted and carried out by the Croton Board of this City. The following members of the Committee were present: Dr. W. H. Thompson, of Madison County, Chairman; Dr. Mitchell, of Hudson; Dr. J. L. La Warne, of Putnam; Dr. Geo. Cook, of Onondaga; J. E. Albright, of Kings, and A. E. Hentscovel, of Ulster.

Edward Cornell, member of the Croton Aqueduct Board, was first examined by the Committee, and testified that the sewerage system was under the law of 1866 to which Board, which was authorized by that law of 1866 to adopt such a system as they deemed fitting; that the system was presented by the Board; consisted of pipes graduated in size and so designed as not to affect, as far as possible, a complete drainage of the City; the Board regulates the size and amount of the pipes connecting private dwellings with the sewers, but the sewers are under the supervision of the owner of a lot; the size of the pipes for the branch sewers are three, twelve to eighteen inches in diameter; they are circular (oval shaped,) according to the amount of drainage required; the sewers built by the Board are, for the most part, constructed of brick; storage to carry off surface water entering them either from the street or houses; the main sewers which discharge into the river are to extend, under the new system, out into the East River; the Commissioners contracts for building sewers are made by the Comptroller of the Board; the security for the proper execution of the contract is given by the contractor; the Commission, which was formerly very badly in arrears, is probably about one in twenty of the obligations; I will furnish contracts; the oil system of sewers; the Croton Board has nothing to do with it; it is a private system; I have seen it in operation; the Croton Board has nothing to do with the Central Park; the Board is composed of five members, the Mayor, Comptroller, President of the Board of Public Works, President of the Board of Health, and President of the Board of Police; the Board regulates the size and amount of the pipes connecting private dwellings with the sewers, but the owner of a lot pays the expense of the pipes for the branch sewers; two thirds

ment the certificate Gold Notes of the Treasury. The showing, altogether, is exceedingly encouraging, after the less favorable exhibit at the close of January.

The demand for Money from the Brokers was again active to-day, but not so general as the sudden turn in the market on Monday Afternoon indicated that it might be. The free rates of Interest have brought a number of new private lenders into the Street with sums varying from $50,000 to $250,000, and also an increased offering by some of the up-town Savings Banks and Insurance Offices. After 2 o'clock, there was an easier feeling among borrowers. The sales of the day varied from 3 ⅌ cent. Currency to 7 ⅌ cent. Gold Interest on the Railway and Miscellaneous collateral, and 6@7 ⅌ cent. Currency on the Public Funds and Gold. Merchant paper of prime names, 5 to 6 ⅌ cent. outside of Bank, and (when taken on dealers' accounts) 4 ⅌ cent. at Bank.

In Foreign Bills the tendency to firmness in the market has partially abated, as one or two large drawers appeared to-day at 109 ⅌ cent. 60 days on London, and $70,000 sold by one banking firm at this rate, less a sixteenth brokerage. Short Sight Bills, 109⅝@109¾ ⅌ cent.

The speculators for the fresh upward turn in the Gold Room made a demonstration this morning as high as 132¼@132¾ ⅌ cent. upon the early bond quotation, 41 ⅌ cent. from London, but the market soon began to show signs of weakness, and the sales before the close of Bank hours fell off to 131⅞@¾@⅞ ⅌ cent. The Customs demand this week is over half a million of dollars per day, but we believe that very few of the importers are disposed to supply their wants for this object in the open market, the conviction being very general that the advent of the new Administration at Washington to-morrow, in connection with the heavy demand for United States Stocks abroad, will make Gold lower as the Spring season advances. The large accumulation in the Treasury, in the ownership of the Government, *seventy million of dollars*, will undoubtedly, we believe, soon be brought out in exchange for and in reduction of the Gold-Bearing Public Debt.

On the Stock Exchange the Public Funds opened with much steadiness, notwithstanding the first Cable figure for 1862s 61 ⅌ cent. in London, and as this quotation subsequently improved to 61¾ ⅌ cent., and news came from Washington of the passage through both Houses of Congress of the Schenck bill relating to the Public Credit, the bidding for all the 5-20s became quite firm, and at the close of business the 1862s were 111⅞ and the 1867s 112⅝ ⅌ cent. There was not much done in the Southern State Bonds. The Railway speculation was weak through the forenoon and prices ¼@½ ⅌ cent. lower than last night, but after one o'clock there was a partial recovery, and at the Afternoon Boards some show of firmness. After the Boards broke up, the Long Room dealings were again weaker. The Miscellaneous Stocks improved on Mariposa and Pacific Mail. The late general quotations were as follows, as compared with Tuesday night. The Public Funds strong; Gold steady; the Railways somewhat feverish; the feeling in regard to the Money market decidedly better.

	Tuesday.	Wednesday.
United States 10-40s	106⅝	106⅝
United States 5-20s of 1862	111⅞	111⅞
United States 5-20s of 1867	112⅝	112⅝
American Gold Coin	131⅞	131⅞
Bills on London, 60 days	109¼	109
New Bonds of Tennessee	60	60½
Virginia Bonds, old	56⅞	56⅞
Missouri Bonds	87⅞	87⅞
North Carolina Bonds, old	64	64
New-York Central	189⅞	188
Reading Railway	91⅞	91⅞
Chicago and Rock Island	132⅞	132⅞
Northwest Common	81⅞	80⅞
Northwest Preferred	89⅞	89⅞
Michigan Southern	95⅞	95⅞
Pittsburg and Fort Wayne	118⅞	117⅞
Cleveland and Pittsburg	89⅞	89⅞
Pacific Mail Company	100⅞	100⅞
St. Paul Preferred	77⅞	77⅞
St. Paul Common	68	68
Toledo and Wabash	68⅞	68⅞
Cleveland and Toledo	106⅞	106⅞
Ohio and Mississippi	29⅞	29⅞

The following bids were made for the various Public Funds of the United States at the close of business:

6⅌ coup., 1867	112½	6-20 coup., 1867	112¾
5-20 coup., 1862	112⅞	5-20 coup., 1865	112⅝
5-20 coup., 1864	112⅝	10-40 reg.	106
5-20 coup., 1865	112⅝	6⅌ Currency	109
5-20 coup., N. D. issue	112¾		
5-20 reg. 1867	112⅝		

And the following for the State Bonds:

N. Y. Reg. Fly Loan	96⅞	Virginia 6s, new bds	62½
N.Y. Comm Fly Loan	100⅞	Georgia 6s	81
N. Y. 7 ⅌ c. Canal	79½	Georgia 7s, new bds	90½
N. Y. 6 ⅌ c. Canal	78½	North Carolina 6s	36½
N. Y. 6 ⅌ c. Canal	76½	North Car. 6s n. bds	35½
N. Y. 6 ⅌ c. Canal	74½	Missouri 6s	87½
N. Y. 6 ⅌ c. Canal	75½	Tenn. 6s, old	67½
N. Y. 6 ⅌ c. Canal	77½	Tenn. 6s, new	67½
N. Y. 6 ⅌ c. Canal	78½	Louisiana 6s, levee bds	60½
Ohio 6 ⅌ c. 1886	105½	Louisiana 6s, levee bds	60½
Ohio 6 ⅌ c. 1887	104½	Alabama 5s	40
Indiana 5 ⅌ c.	92	Alabama 8s	50
Tenn. 6 ⅌ c. ex cou.	66½	Rhode Island 6s	100½
Tenn. 6 ⅌ c. new bds.	66½	Alabama 5s	64½
Virginia 6s, ex cou.	62½	Alabama 8s	50½

And the following for the City Bank Stocks:

New-York	270	Merchants' Exchange	150
Manhattan	142	Leather Manufacturers	140
Mechanics'	130	People's	140
America	142	Metropolis	160
Union	130	Shoe and Leather	95
Mechanics' & Traders'	110	Corn Exchange	112½
National	110	Commercial	99½
Merchants' Exch'ge, N.Y.	110	St. Nicholas	112½
Seventh Ward	100	Imp. and Traders'	120
Commerce	172	Imp. and Traders'	125
American Exchange	115½	Park	117½
Broadway	200	Metropolitan	150
Bank of the Republic	117½	Ninth National	111
Bank of N. America	140	Oriental	140

And the following for the Railway Mortgages:

N. Y. Cent. 6s, 1883	91½	Chi. & W. Ind 7s	94
N. Y. Cent. 6s, 1887	91½	Chi. & N. W. 1st M. 7s	95
N. Y. Cent. 7s, 1876	100	Chi. & N. W. S. F. 7s	95
N. Y. C. 6s, Real Estate	90	Chi. & N. W. Int. Bds	90
N. Y. C. 6s, Sinking Fund	87	Chi. & N. W. 2d M. 7s	85
N. Y. C. 7s, 1876	100	Chi. & N. W. S. F. 6s	78
Erie 7s, 1877	110	Chi. & Mil. 1st M. 7s	95
Erie 7s, 1884	110	Chi. & Mil. S. F. 7s	90
N. Y. & E. 1st 7s	77	Chi. & Tol. P. Land Gr.	84
H. & N. 7s 1st M. 1869-70	100	C. & Ind. 1st M. 7s	90
H. & N. 7s 2d M. 1869	90	Morris & Essex 1st M. 7s	99
Harlem 1st M. 7s	100	Morris & Essex 2d M. 7s	90
Mich. Cen. 8s 1st M. 1882	107½	N. J. Cen. 1st M. 7s	100
C. R. & R. 1st M. 1st M.	113	R. W. & O. 1st M. 7s	90
Mich. S. & N. I. 7s, 1st M.	110	R. W. & O. 2d M. 7s	75
M. S. & N. I. S. F. 7s, 1st M.	105	Clev. & Pit. R. 7s, sink.	105
Ill. Cen. 7 ⅌ c. 1875	112	Clev. & Pit. 2d M. 7s	90
Alton & T. H. 1st M. 7s	105	Chi. & Alton 1st M.	110
Alton & T. H. 2d M. 7s	75	Chi. & Alton sinking fd.	90
Alton & T. H. 3d M. 7s	45	Chi. & Alton 1st M. 7s	110
Chi. & N. W. 1st M.	95	Chi. & Alton 2d M.	90
Chi. & N. W. 2d M. 7s	85	Mil. & Mis. Con.	65
Ill. Cen. 7 ⅌ c. 1875	112	Mil. & St. P. 1st M. 7s	91
Ill. Cen. 8 ⅌ c. 1875	112	Mil. & St. P. Int. Bds	75
Ill. Cen. 10 ⅌ c. 1875	112	N. Y. and N. Haven 6s	97

The day's business at the Office of the United States Assistant Treasurer was as follows: Total receipts, $1,070,469; total payments, $1,366,462; balance, $67,701,349. The receipts include for Customs, $602,000; for Gold Notes, $50,000.

The holders of all Registered United States Stocks are reminded that under the new rule of the Treasury the half yearly interest must be drawn out in ninety days from its maturity, at New-York and other Offices than Washington, at which the interest is registered to be paid. After that time the registers are returned to the Department at Washington, where the interest will have to be applied for in person or by attorney. Thus the ten-forty registered interest, which fell due on Monday last, March 1, must be called for by the 1st of June to avoid the extra trouble of collecting it at Washington. And the 1st of May five-twenty registered interest must be called for before the 1st of August.

The rumor was quite current in the Street to-day that Mr. ALEXANDER T. STEWART, the eminent Dry Goods merchant of this City, and the known confidential personal friend of the President-elect, is to be the new Secretary of the Treasury. We believe that as late as last week Mr. STEWART himself was unwilling to have his friends talk to him in regard to such an honor, even if he had the vanity to suppose it would be tendered by Gen. GRANT, and while we have no reason to suppose that his feelings on the subject have undergone the slightest change, we find the rumor of his appointment quite generally credited this afternoon.

The London papers announce the decease of Mr. EDWARD BELL, of the house of Messrs. THOMSON, BONAR & CO. He was one of the members of Parliament-elect for the City of London, of Conservative politics. He had been forty-four years in the house of THOMSON, BONAR & CO. Since his death, the Cable has reported the election (probably unopposed) of Baron LIONEL ROTHSCHILD, Liberal, to the vacant seat in Parliament. Baron ROTHSCHILD stood fourth on the City of London poll at the November election—three members elected, two Liberal, and Mr. BELL, Conservative.

BANKING AND FINANCIAL.

THE UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD COMPANY'S BONDS are a less mortgage upon one of the longest lines of railroad in the world. The amount will be less than $40,000 per mile. The earnings from local business over a portion of the road last year were over five million dollars, and after its completion early this season, the immense through traffic of the Pacific States will increase this sum to fifteen or twenty millions. The payment of both interest and principal of the bonds in gold is therefore, perfectly sure.

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SAFE DEPOSIT DEPARTMENT OF THE NATIONAL PARK BANK.—For the safe-keeping and protection from fire and burglary, of Securities of all kinds, including Bonds, Stocks, Mortgages, Wills and Documents, and valuable Jewelry of every description. An inspection of the vault, constructed by the National Park Bank in their new building, will at once convince all parties interested that the most perfect attainable security has been reached, and at an extremely moderate annual cost to each individual depositor. The officers will take pleasure in showing the vault on application.

OFFICE OF A. G. CRANE & CO.,
BANKERS, NO. 21 WALL-ST.,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 28, 1869.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. J., 7 PER CENT. Bonds, issued for street improvements, interest payable at Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, New-York. A small amount of the above favorite security for sale by

A. G. CRANE & CO.,
No. 21 Wall-st.

GENERAL MARKETS.

NEW-YORK, Wednesday, March 3, 1869.

The receipts of the principal kinds of Produce since our last, have been as follows:

Ashes, bbls	6	Barley, bushels	.....
Flour, bbls	8,800	Malt, bushels	2,600
Flour, bags	.....	Peas, bushels	.....
Cornmeal, bbls	200	Pork, bbls	111
Cornmeal, bags	1,000	Cut Meats, pkgs	225
Wheat, bushels	18,000	Lard, pkgs	40
Corn, bushels	2,165	Beef, tcs. and hfs.	801
Oats, bushels	.....	Whisky, bbls	422
Rye, bushels	600	Petroleum, bbls	1,000

ASHES—Have been in request at $7 12½@$7 25 for Pots, and (nominally) $8 12½@$8 25 for Pearls, ⅌ 100 lbs. Stock, 652 bbls.

COFFEE—Has been firm and moderately inquired for, including Java, 22c. @27½c.; Maracaibo, 19c. @21½c.; Laguayra, 19½c. @21½c.; Rio, 9c. @18c., in bond; Native Ceylon, 19c. @19½c.; Jamaica, 19½c. @19½c.; St. Domingo, 18c. @19c., all in gold ⅌ lb.

COTTON—Has been rather more freely dealt in, closing quite firmly, with closing in favor of purchasers. Sales have been reported since our last of 3,277 bales Uplands, including 1,161 bales for export, 191 bales to speculators, 191 bales to shippers, and 64 bales in transit. Also, 80 bales Low Middling for March delivery, at 28½c., and 200 bales do., for April and May delivery, at 28½c. ⅌ lb.

Ruling Prices of Cotton.

	Uplands.	Mobile.	N. O.	Texas.
Ordinary	25@26	25@26	25@26	25@26
Good Ordinary	27@27½	27½@27½	27½@28	27½@28
Low Middling	28@28½	28½@28½	28½@28½	28½@28½
Middling	28½@28¾	28½@28¾	28½@28¾	28½@28¾

Movements of Cotton at this Port.

	Bales.
Receipts thus far this week	3,756
Receipts last week	14,022
Receipts previous week	14,464
Receipts since Jan. 1	139,000
Receipts since Sept. 1, 1868	826,527
Receipts year ending Jan. 1, 1869	677,021
Receipts year ending Sept. 1, 1868	811,000
Exports thus far this week	28,200
Exports since Sept. 1, 1868	626,232
Exports year ending Jan. 1, 1869	551,000
Exports year ending Sept. 1, 1868	811,000
Estimated stock on hand here	189,000

Movements of Cotton at all the Shipping Ports.

Receipts thus far this week	1,000,000
Receipts same time last year	1,000,000
Receipts since Sept. 1, 1868, at all the ports	2,000,000
Exports from all the ports since Sept. 1, 1868, to Sept. 1, 1867	2,000,000
Exports from all the ports from Sept. 1, 1868, to date	587,000
Exports same time last year	1,000,000
Exports preceding Cotton year	1,000,000
Estimated stock at the shipping ports, latest mail dates	300,000
Estimated stock same time last year	300,000
Estimated stock on hand at all ports, Aug. 31, 1868	1,000,000
Estimated stock same time in 1867	1,000,000
Crop of 1867-8	2,000,000
Crop of 1866-7	2,000,000

FLOUR AND MEAL—A moderate supply presents for desirable lots of State and Western Flour, and prices have been firmly maintained. Sales have been reported of 5,100 bbls., including Superfine at from $6 50@$7 to $7 25 for State, and $7 25@$7 50 for Western; Extra State at $7 50@$8, and over to prime; and a large branch of round-hoop Extra Ohio at $8 50@$9 ⅌ bbl. We quote:

Superfine State and Western	$6 50@$7 00		
Extra State	6 [illegible]		
Extra Ohio, round hoop, shipping brands	8 [illegible]		
Extra Ohio, trade and family brands	8 [illegible]		
Extra Genesee	7 [illegible]		
Common to Fancy Extra Minnesota	7 [illegible]		
Superfine Flour continues in moderate request at decided [illegible] prices, the sales to-day have been confined to a parcel of 675 bbls. at $5 [illegible] ⅌ bbl. for very poor to fair Ohio, and [illegible] for Brandywine. Rye Flour is very dull and nominally lower. Sales of 100 bbls. Brandywine at $5 [illegible] ⅌ bbl. Corn Meal is very dull and lower. Sales of 200 bbls. Jersey at $3 [illegible] ⅌ bbl. Buckwheat Flour is inactive at $3 [illegible] ⅌ 100 lbs.

GRAIN—Wheat has yielded slightly in price, and has been in fair request, chiefly for export, for the medium grades. Sales have been reported since our last of 16,000 bushels, including about 5,000 bushels Spring at $1 30@$1 32; Amber do. at $1 31@$1 32; Spring at $1 31@$1 32, and Winter Red at $1 32@$1 35 ⅌ bushel. Corn opened more firmly, but closed heavily on a purchase trade. Sales have been reported since our last of 60,000 bushels, including 40,000 bushels at 86c. for New Mixed Western; $1 01@$1 04 for Old Mixed Western, in store, and 97@99c. for White Western. Oats have been in good request, and 2@3c. higher. Sales have been reported since our last of 90,000 bushels, including 75,000 bushels, Canada West, at 74@75c. ⅌ bushel, delivery in April; 5,000 bushels at about 61 [illegible] ⅌ bushel, delivery early in April, and 10,000 bushels Western, delivery in April, at 74c. ⅌ bushel. Barley Malt continues in limited demand at less firmness and prices have been [illegible] since our last of 40,000 bushels Western, at [illegible] ⅌ bushel.

HAY is in fair request for shipment, and steady at from 95c. for shipping, and $1 05@$1 10 for poor to choice, per 100 lbs. Straw continues inactive at from $1 00 for long and short, ⅌ 100 lbs.

HOPS—Are in moderate request, including Ameri[illegible] at 50@52c. for New, and 20@30c. for Old, ⅌ lb. We quote to-day: New-York State, 50@52c.; Ohio, Michigan, Ill. 50@52c.; Vermont, 50@52c.; Wisconsin, 50@52c. ⅌ lb.

SEED—The market has been dull, since our last, but prices have been maintained. Manila Hemp is [illegible] ⅌ lb. Stock, 600 bales American, with 200 bales and 10,197 bales Foreign.

SEEDS—The arrivals of Flaxseed this week, including those by rail, have been 1,000 bushels, and 15 bales, and 40 bales do., the latter including, according to Messrs. HULL & CO., 20,000 Dry Buenos Ayres, (to arrive,) 21½@22 Rs., 22½c., gold, selected; 1,000 Dry Buenos Ayres, 21 Rs., 21½c., gold, selected; 10,000 Dry Buenos Ayres, Army, 19½ Rs., private terms; 2,000 Dry Buenos Ayres, Kipp, (to arrive,) 21 Rs., 22c., gold, selected; 15,000 Dry Cordova, 20 Rs., 21½c., gold, selected; 4,000 Dry Ortosco, 20@22 Rs., part 21c., gold, selected; 1,000 Dry California, 20½ Rs., private terms; 3,100 Dry Acapulco, 20@22 Rs., private terms; 10 Dry Sonora, 17 Rs., 20c., gold; 1,000 Dry Mazatlan, 17 Rs., private terms; 1,000 Dry West India, 17 Rs., private terms; 1,000 Dry Maracaibo, 20 Rs., private terms; 1,000 Dry Turkey, 20 Rs., private terms; 1,000 Dry Saida Marianna, 24 Rs., private terms; 3,700 Wet Salted Buenos Ayres, (to arrive,) 22 Rs., 23c., gold; 22,000 Wet Salted Buenos Ayres, Kipp, (to arrive,) 21 Rs., 22c., gold, selected; 2,400 Wet Salted Buenos Ayres Kipp, (to arrive,) 21 Rs., 22c., gold, selected; 20,000 Wet Salted Texas, (just to arrive,) 20@20 Rs., private terms; 1,000 Wet Salted Calcutta, 21 Rs., 22c., gold, selected; 40 bales Calcutta Cow, 16@17 Rs., private terms. The stock of Hides on hand is 21,000 (some three hundred Dry Hides, as follows: 4,000 Dry Buenos Ayres and Dry Central America, 3,000 Dry Mexican, 4,000 Dry Laguayra, 2,000 Dry Calcutta, 4,700 Wet Salted Buenos Ayres Cow.

LEATHER—Sole has been in rapid supply and good request. We quote: Buenos Ayres, Rochelle, Buenos Ayres, Light weight, Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, Heavy, do. do., Hemlock, Buenos Ayres, Light weight, Hemlock, California, Light, do. do., Hemlock, California, Heavy, do. do., Hemlock, Orinoco, Light, do. do., Hemlock, Orinoco, Heavy, do. do., Hemlock, Middle, do. do., Hemlock, Slaughter, Light, do. do., Hemlock, Slaughter, Heavy, do. do., Hemlock, Slaughter, Middle, do. do., Hemlock, Slaughter, Light, do. do., Oak Slaughter, Heavy, do. do., Oak Slaughter, Middle, do. do., Oak Slaughter, Light, do. do., Oak Slaughter, Dry, do. do., Oak Slaughter, Middle, do. do., Oak Slaughter, Cropped, do. do., Oak Slaughter, Light, do. do., Oak Slaughter, Dry, do. do., Oak Slaughter, in the rough, Middle, do. do., Oak Slaughter, in the rough, Light, do. do., Oak Slaughter, Dry, do. do., Oak Slaughter, Rolled, do. do., Oak Slaughter, Rolled, do. do., ⅌ lb.

MOLASSES—Has been in fair request and heavy. Cuba 27c. gold, English Proof, 30c. gold, New-Orleans at 75c. gold, ⅌ gallon.

NAVAL STORES—Have been generally sought after and quoted heavy, including Spirits Turpentine at 60@62½c. ⅌ gallon; Crude at $2 50@$2 75; Resin at $2 40@$2 45 for Bbl.; Tar at $2 [illegible] ⅌ Bbl.; Pitch at $2 [illegible] ⅌ Bbl.

OILS—Have been in quite moderate request, including Crude Whale at $1 10@$1 20; Bleached Whale at $1 [illegible]; Crude Sperm at $2 [illegible]; Bleached Sperm, at $2 [illegible]; Lard Oil at $1 [illegible]; Neat's Foot Oil at $1 [illegible]; Linseed Oil at $1 [illegible]; Olive at $1 [illegible] ⅌ gallon.

PETROLEUM—Has attracted the attention of the speculators, and prices have been quite firm. We quote at 20½@20½c. for Crude in bulk; 24c. for Crude in bbls., and 31½@32c. for Refined, in bond, ⅌ gallon.

PROVISIONS—Pork has been in less request, closing

SITUATIONS WANTED.

FEMALES.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY TWO RELIABLE girls; one to cook, wash and iron, and the other as chambermaid and waitress; willing to assist with the washing and ironing; have the best City references; have lived in their last place for six years; will go out of City; wages $12 and $14; between 9th and 8th ave., on the second floor, front room.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A COMPETENT young woman as nurse and seamstress; is kind and obliging with children; best of City references; have lived in the last place for six years; wages $12; between 9th and 8th streets, top floor back room.

WANTED—A SITUATION TO DO COOKING, washing and ironing, or general housework; by a servant girl; is a respectable and trustworthy person; will go out of City; has been used to good cook; best references; City or country. Call at No. 181 Atlantic-st, Brooklyn.

WANTED—BY A PROTESTANT YOUNG woman, a few engagements to go out by the day; sewing, cutting and fitting; plain sewing, or fine shirts; also children's clothes. Wheeler & Wilson's sewing machine. Call at present employer's, No. 30 West 20th-st.

WANTED—SITUATIONS BY TWO RELIable girls; one as good plain cook and washer in a private family, and the other as nurse and seamstress, and to assist with the work; work and care of growing children; good City references. Call at No. [illegible] 2d-st., second floor, back room.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A RESPECTable English Protestant woman as first-class cook. Understands her business thoroughly; is willing to do washing and ironing; has the best of City references. Call or address, for three days, at No. 347 East 34th-st.

WANTED—A RESPECTABLE PROTESTant widow, a situation in a respectable family to do plain sewing, or to take charge of an infant; valid City references. Call or address MRS. JOHNSON, Box 3, Times Office.

WANTED—BY A FIRST-CLASS COOK, A situation in a private family; no objection to a country place; is an excellent baker of bread and pastry; has good City references. Call at No. 1776-st., second door, left hand.

WANTED—BY A YOUNG WOMAN, A SITuation as cook; understands her business in all its branches; will assist with washing and ironing; good City reference. Apply at No. 146 West 26th-st., first floor, front room.

WANTED—BY A RESPECTABLE WOMAN, a situation as housekeeper; is a good housekeeper; is willing to make herself generally useful; can take charge of a child; has no objections to go to the country; good City reference. Address E. R., Box No. 20 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER'S wife; is a good cook, washer and ironer; has no objection to go to the country; good City reference. Address D. A. H., Box No. 34 Post Office, Yonkers, Westchester County, N. Y.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS GARDENER'S wife; a married man, who thoroughly understands the management of hot and cold grapery, greenhouse, propagating, fruit and vegetable, and the keeping a gentleman's place in first-class order; undeniable and satisfactory testimonials. Address D. H. W., No. 67 Nassau-st.

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WANTED—A SITUATION BY A COMPETent man, with a small family, to take care of two horses and a small garden; willing to make himself generally useful; good reference. Address JOHN GARRETT, Astoria, L. I.

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WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SINGLE man, as gardener; understands his business; three years' testimonial from last employer. Address G. L., Box No. 20 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS LANDSCAPE gardener by a man of great experience in draining and laying out grounds to the best advantage; has good testimonials; good City reference. Address LANDSCAPE, No. 823 Broadway.

WANTED—BY A MARRIED MAN, A SITUation as coachman; is the country; is familiar with the care of horses; understands trimming up a gentleman's carriage. Address J. W. H., Box No. 204 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION AS COACHMAN and gardener; will be generally useful; can produce good testimonials. Address R. T. E., Box No. 194 Times Office.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SINGLE man, as gardener; has good City and country references given; last employer can be seen if required. Address O. H., Box No. 87 Times Office, for three days.

WANTED—A SITUATION BY A SINGLE man, as gardener; has a good knowledge of green-house, hot and cold grapery, fruit, flowers and vegetables; and the management of a pleasure ground; good reference from last employer. Address D. A. H., Box No. 34 Post Office, Yonkers, Westchester County, N. Y.

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Montague st., near Clinton-st.
FAUST. (Italian Opera.) Leading characters by Miss Kellogg, Mme. Colbi and Mr. Habelmann.

BOOTH'S THEATRE.
23d-st., corner of 6th-av.
ROMEO AND JULIET. Leading characters by Mr. Edwin Booth and Miss Mary McVicker.

WALLACK'S THEATRE.
Broadway, corner 13th-st.
MUCH ADO ABOUT NOTHING. Leading characters by Mr. Lester Wallack and Miss Rose Eytinge.

FRENCH THEATRE.
14th-st., near 6th-av.
MATINEE at 2 o'clock.—GENEVIEVE. Leading characters by Mme. Rose-Bell and M. Carrier.

BROUGHAM'S THEATRE.
24th-st., near 6th-av.
JENNY LIND and POCAHONTAS. Leading characters by Mr. Brougham and Miss Jennie Kimball.

NIBLO'S GARDEN.
Broadway, between Prince and Houston sts.
FORTY THIEVES. Leading characters by Miss Lydia Thompson and Mr. Beckett.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.
Broadway, between Houston and Bleecker sts.
HUMPTY DUMPTY. Leading characters by Mr. Geo. L. Fox and Miss Laurent.

WAVERLEY THEATRE.
No. 720 Broadway.
LUCRETIA BORGIA. Leading characters by Miss Elise Holt and Mr. Marlowe.

BROADWAY THEATRE.
Broadway, near Broome-st.
THE FRENCH RIVAL. Leading character by Mlle. Rose.

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NEWS OF THE DAY.

EUROPE.

Later advices from Asia state that the affair at Kornt was not as disastrous as was reported, the British having lost only one man killed and two taken prisoners. The death of Viscount GOUGH occurred yesterday at London.

The Ex-King of Hanover has published a protest, over his own signature, in Berlin, against the confiscation of his private property by the Russian Government.

Seven Carlist leaders have been arrested in the Province of Aragon, and a quantity of arms and munitions of war, with correspondence, had been seized by the Government.

CUBA.

The report recently published in the *Diario* announcing the surrender of the revolutionary Gen. ARINGO is denied as impossible. The steamship *Morro Castle*, from New-York, arrived at Havana yesterday.

The Spanish man-of-war *Cadiz* arrived at Havana yesterday, with 1,000 additional troops. Mr. JOHN M. UTLEY, the clerk for the American Consul General, was ordered to be released from prison, where he has remained for the past month.

CONGRESS.

In the Senate yesterday a debate ensued, after the passage of the Deficiency bill, on the proposal to recompense Mr. W. W. CORCORAN for his lands in the District of Columbia, used by the Government ever since 1861, and settled in his favor. The bill to strengthen the public credit was also taken up and discussed until the expiration of the morning hour, when the report of the Conference Committee was agreed to by a vote of 41 to 26. The text will be found in the regular proceedings. The Army Appropriation bill was passed after a protracted debate on the war claim set up by Massachusetts. The joint resolution expressing sympathy with Spain having been reported back by Mr. SUMNER, the Senate refused to concur. In the evening session considerable debate was had on the Louisiana contestant's claim for expenses, and on the appropriation of money to the Sisters of Charity in Charleston, which was rejected. A vote of thanks was tendered Senator WADE in anticipation of his retirement for the Vice-President's chair to-day. At 12:20 A. M. the Senate went into Executive session.

In the House, and immediately after the session opened, Speaker COLFAX tendered his resignation in a brief speech. The occasion drew together a large assemblage of visitors. After a complimentary resolution on the retirement of the Vice-President elect, Mr. POMEROY was, by resolution, declared Speaker for the remainder of the session. An animated discussion occurred on the proposition to rescind the resolution to pay the Louisiana contestants $2,000 each, the subject going over. A bill was reported to amend the act imposing taxes on distilled spirits and tobacco, which extends the time for the withdrawal of whisky from bonded warehouses. A resolution denying the right of the Executive or treaty-making power to conclude treaties where import duties are regulated was referred. The Public Credit bill was again debated in reference to the second section. The conference report was adopted and the bill sent to the President for signature. At the evening session the Army Appropriation bill, as amended by the Senate, was non-concurred in and referred to a Committee of Conference. The bill on removal of disabilities was discussed. At 1:30 o'clock the House was still in session.

GENERAL.

Advices from Camp Supply, Indian Territory, up to the 14th ult., represent the Indians as quiet and rapidly moving South. Gen. CUSTER had failed to find the Cheyenne camp in his reconnoissance up Medicine Bluff Creek. The military were all active in taking up the positions assigned them.

G. D. HUDGINS, of Marshall, was yesterday nominated by the Michigan Democratic state Convention for Justice of the Supreme Court over COOLEY, the Republican nominee, by a vote of 65 to 62.

Gen. STONEMAN has issued an order relative to the Ku-Klux of Virginia, instructing Col. ROSS to notify the civil officers of his district that if they do not arrest the authors of the outrages reported, and not prevent the occurrence of such outrages in future, he will send a detachment of mounted men into that region, to be subsisted and forraged at the expense of the citizens, until good order is reestablished and security to person and property is again afforded by the civil authorities.

In the Illinois Senate yesterday the restrictive Railroad bill was passed, and the House will undoubtedly pass it, as no opposition is manifested by railroad men.

The West Virginia Legislature yesterday ratified the Suffrage Amendment to the Constitution.

The trial of HARRY WEAVER and Mrs. ROLAND, for the murder of ANDREW ROLAND, husband of the woman mentioned, at Hagerstown, Md., is to be commenced in a day or two. The alleged murder was committed in September last. A criminal intimacy was said to exist between WEAVER and the wife of the deceased, and circumstances led to the belief that that these two were responsible for Mr. ROLAND's taking off. The woman was arrested, but WEAVER had made his escape, but was arrested in Ohio a short time afterward.

The bill to abolish transit duties on railroads and canals in New-Jersey was yesterday passed by the Senate, and the House will probably follow with similar action to-day.

The bark *Hale Frank*, of Boston, whose abandonment at sea was reported yesterday, has been towed into Gloucester harbor in an apparently good condition. Capt. MERRILL remained on board, having been deserted by his crew.

The Wisconsin Senate decided, yesterday, to indefinitely postpone the proposition to submit to the people, in 1870, the question of extending suffrage to women.

Mrs. ANNIE PARKER, daughter-in-law of HARVEY D. PARKER, of Boston, was married in Paris on Monday, according to the rites of the Catholic Church, to Mr. E. DECHANEPS, one of the Secretaries of the Chinese Embassy. Ambassador BURLINGAME and the entire Embassy witnessed the ceremonies.

Chicago has sent an elegant gavel to be presented to Mr. COLFAX for his use as President of the Senate. It was made by the same man who made the gavel used at the Chicago Convention of 1860.

Newcastle, N. H., has its town election one week before the regular State election, and as it is the only town in the State where such is the case, much interest is always felt in the result. Last year the Democrats carried the town by ten majority. On Tuesday, the Republicans had a majority of thirty, and elected the Selectmen and all the town officers, which gives them control of the check list next Tuesday. The political campaign has been remarkably quiet throughout the State. Until this week no public meetings have been held by either party, and even now very few are to be held.

A meeting of citizens of Auburn was held on Tuesday, to make arrangements to give Secretary SEWARD a public reception and hearty welcome on his return home. A committee of seven was appointed to carry out the objects of the meeting, and Dr. S. WILLARD was invited to deliver an address of welcome.

Rev. HENRY POWERS, late of Danbury, Conn., was installed Pastor of the Elm-place Congregational Church, Brooklyn, last evening. Rev. Drs. COE, RADGER, BUDDINGTON and CLAPP, and Revs. R. G. GREEN, of Springfield, Mass.; LEONARD W. BACON, of Williamsburg; A. L. FRISBIE, of Danbury, Conn., and HENRY WARD BEECHER, took part in the exercises. There was a large and deeply interested congregation.

The regular semi-monthly meeting of the New-York Board of Education was held last evening. An appropriation of $75,000 was asked for by the trustees of the Tenth Ward for enlarging Primary School No. 1, in Ludlow-street, but the motion to grant the same was tabled indefinitely. The sum of $24,000 was appropriated for the purchase of lots in West Fifty-fourth-street, for the erection of an edifice for the use of Primary School No. 40. After the transaction of considerable routine business, the Board adjourned.

The Legislative Committee on Public Health appointed to investigate the sewerage system of this City held their first session at the Fifth-avenue Hotel yesterday, and heard an explanation and defence of the system from officers of the Croton Board. Any one having complaints to make about the system will be heard to-day, commencing at 9 A. M.

Up to the 3d inst., 9,920 emigrants have arrived at this port since the 1st of January.

The Legislative Committee on Railroads met at the Fifth-avenue Hotel yesterday, but transacted no business.

Representatives from forty tailoring establishments met last night at No. 10 Stanton-street, and discussed the feasibility of a united demand of twenty-five per cent. on their present wages. By piece-work, an able hand earns $30 to $35 a week, working from fifteen to eighteen hours a day. Working ten hours a day, they can only earn about $15 a week.

Cotton was more freely dealt in yesterday, but closed heavily. Flour was in moderate request at slightly irregular prices. Wheat was quoted lower, on a fair business, mainly for export. Corn and Oats were somewhat firmer, but not active. Provisions in moderate demand; Pork lower; Lard firm. Groceries tamer. Freights dull.

The Close of Mr. Johnson's Administration—Its Blunders, Defects and Failures.

ANDREW JOHNSON closes to-day his administration of the Executive office. It has been in very many respects one of the most unfortunate and disastrous we have ever known. Beginning just as the great civil war had closed, and following the murder of President LINCOLN, by whom that war had been carried to a triumphant end, it fell upon a time when the public passions were greatly agitated, and when the sway of calm judgment, more than ever necessary, was more than ever difficult. A President who could meet the emergencies of the hour, and restore our political society to its normal condition of peace and harmony, would have won for himself the proudest distinction which great public service can ever bestow, and for his country the choicest blessings which good and wise government can ever confer.

Mr. JOHNSON, as President, has failed to do this, and, as a consequence, he leaves the office with the profound conviction of the whole country that he ought never to have held it. Great communities judge men by what they might have done, if their abilities had been equal to their opportunities; and the magnitude of their failures, if they fail, is always measured by what would have been the grandeur of their success, if they had succeeded. Mr. JOHNSON is naturally, therefore, set down as having made the greatest failure, and been the worst President, ever known thus far in the history of the country. When his Administration can be judged more coolly and calmly than is now possible, especially if the Constitution should again resume supreme authority, this judgment may be modified; but for many years to come, there is little chance that it will be essentially changed.

Mr. JOHNSON was nominated to be Vice-President, on the same ticket with Mr. LINCOLN, by the Republican Party, because he had been a zealous Union man, and a warm supporter of Mr. LINCOLN's Administration and conduct of the war, and because being a Southern man, who had suffered for his hatred of secession, it was supposed that he could do more to reconcile Southern union sentiment to the result of the war, and bring the South again into the Union, than any man of Northern birth and political experience. This was the general sentiment in regard to him during the canvass which resulted in his election; and from this point of view his nomination and election were accepted as fortunate incidents in the political history of the country. The harangue on his inauguration startled the public, shocked his friends and created the sharpest misgivings as to his future course; but this proved to be a temporary feeling, as the incident from which it grew was explained to be an accident not likely to recur. And this partial restoration of the public confidence was aided by his declarations on his accession to the Presidency, which were of most vehement and bitter hatred of the rebellion, and of all connected with it in any way, and of a determined purpose to make their action infamous and their names a hissing and a byeword through all coming time. These sentiments were peculiarly acceptable to those whom his maudlin harangue on inauguration day had most offended, and went far to procure for him a qualified and temporary absolution.

But they soon yielded to a different temper on his part, and to a different judgment on the part of the public. Mr. JOHNSON failed to do, what was the evident dictate of duty as well as of good policy,—namely, summon Congress in special session to share the anxieties and responsibilities of this new position. Believing that he was following the policy of Mr. LINCOLN, and largely influenced, doubtless, by the advice of Mr. SEWARD, he entered upon a course of reconstruction which was obnoxious from the outset to that class of Republicans whose hatred of secession had rested mainly on their hatred of slavery, and which brought about a conflict with Congress that put him in an attitude of open and defiant hostility to the whole Republican Party. This war soon absorbed the action of Congress and the attention of the country. It colored the whole conduct of public affairs, alienated the confidence and respect of the people for the President, and brought the two great Departments of the Government into open and sharp collision.

Mr. JOHNSON's earliest blunder was his attempt to ignore Congress in his plan of reconstruction. When that body first met, after the close of the war, it manifested little inclination to adopt extreme measures. Moderation and discretion on the part of the Executive would probably have secured its coöperation and the early restoration of the Union. But Mr. JOHNSON was not moderate or discreet. On the contrary he clung to his plan long after Congress pronounced it unsatisfactory, and as persistently struggled to thwart the legislative measures which were intended to revive lawful civil Government throughout the South. These measures were not at the outset harsh or unjust. The Fourteenth Amendment was offered as the basis of restoration, and would doubtless have been so accepted but for Mr. JOHNSON's evil counsels. He recommended the South to reject it, and his advice was accepted. For the consequences of that rejection, in their relation both to the South and himself, he is in the main responsible.

There was a time when Mr. JOHNSON might have gracefully retired from the conflict. His policy and the policy of Congress were both before the country, whose verdict—adverse to himself—was unmistakable. It was his duty then to surrender his own views, so far as their practical application was concerned, and to endeavor to give effect to the measures of Congress in a manner harmonizing with their well understood purpose. That chance of reëstablishing friendly relations with the Republican Party he threw away. Instead of becoming more manageable, he became more defiant. His energies were employed in attempts to break down the reconstruction policy to which the country had given its assent. He sought in the letter of the law pretexts for thwarting its spirit; he visited with punishment every leading administrator of the law, who zealously strove to give effect to its provisions.

Out of this inexcusable resistance to the reconstruction policy arose the retaliatory legislation which, while incensing Mr. JOHNSON, has impaired the dignity and efficiency of the Presidential office. The tendency of these measures to disturb the constitutional balance of power—to render Congress absolute and the Executive little more than a nonentity,—cannot be questioned. We may well doubt, therefore, whether in the highest sense they were ever really expedient. Their origin is traceable to Mr. JOHNSON's misuse of the power he possessed, and in their bearing upon himself they may have admitted of defence. The misfortune is that what was intended to restrain only him gradually obtains recognition as a means of magnifying unduly the relative authority of Congress in the Government, and thus destroying the constitutional balance of power.

The effect of a conflict thus occasioned by Mr. JOHNSON and thus carried on by Congress, has been disastrous far outside of reconstruction. It had been bad enough were it limited to the States concerned in the rebellion. The delay in their restoration and the ill-feeling and industrial prostration which delay produced, would have been disasters sufficiently serious to obscure the lesser glories of the war. But the mischief traceable to Mr. JOHNSON and his untimely quarrel with Congress has extended much farther. It has embarrassed and demoralized the entire administration of affairs. It has led to measures which have shaken the authority and menaced the existence of the Supreme Court. It has destroyed all harmony of feeling and of action among the different Departments of the Government. The revenue departments have become strongholds of knavery and corruption. The Treasury suffers and the country is disgraced. And no remedy has been possible, because the Senate has sacrificed all other considerations to its desire to thwart the Executive in the matter of removals and appointments to office.

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The New President.

President GRANT begins his new career to-day under favorable auspices. Seldom, after so heated a contest as that which resulted in his election, have all parties so promptly acquiesced in the decision of the nation, or felt so general a confidence in an untried President. Even the *World*, whose intense partisanship during the canvass, not pausing at the respect due to private character, indulged in the bitterest personal vilification, now declares, "We are constrained to say at least this in Gen. GRANT's favor, that he is a growing man, and evinces a rare capacity to improve by experience." As a whole, the country looks to his administration with a general confidence unprecedented, we venture to say, for at least thirty years; and the general disappointment in the career of his predecessor only throws his own prospects, by contrast, into stronger light.

Undoubtedly this general acquiescence and confidence are based on faith in Gen. GRANT's personal character, talents and temperament, as being especially suited to his high place. His well-known firmness of will, tempered by moderation in judgment; his pertinacity, of a sort which is not the offspring of rashness or ill-blood; his promptness of action after candor and deliberation of thought—in brief, his leading personal characteristics are generally conceived to be precisely those which, joined with the honesty, unflinching integrity and patriotism he is known to possess, are required in his new position. Chancellor KENT says, in speaking of the President as it was designed he should be, "It is not for him to deliberate or decide upon the wisdom or expediency of the law; what has once been declared to be law, under all the cautious forms of deliberation prescribed by the Constitution, ought to receive prompt obedience. *The characteristical qualities required in the Executive Department are promptitude, decision and force.*"

True it is that, in the excited canvass of last year, it was the fashion to decry GRANT as being by instinct and profession a soldier, and to represent (despite the fresh experience of TYLER, PIERCE and BUCHANAN,) that a man versed in politics was the only fit person for the Chief Magistracy of the nation. Had Gen. HANCOCK been GRANT's opponent, this much-elaborated argument, it is safe to say, would never have been heard of; and, as it was, it ignored the fact that the popular will had long decided otherwise—GRANT being the fifth successful soldier who has been elected to the Presidency, and his predecessors bearing names so honored in history and in popular affection and respect as those of WASHINGTON, JACKSON, HARRISON and TAYLOR.

And it is a sign of hope and promise of support for the new Administration that, since the November election, the "campaign" objections to Gen. GRANT have been forgotten. When even the *World* admits that it is prepared to find him "upon the whole a tolerably satisfactory President," it is a significant token of the general support which the best men of all parties are willing to give to the new Administration. We profoundly believe that it will prove worthy of such support.

University Tests in England.

The fact that Sir J. D. COLERIDGE, Mr. GLADSTONE's Solicitor-General, has introduced a bill for the repeal of University Tests is one of the most remarkable manifestations of the reforming impulse which is now pervading every branch of the British Constitution. While the Scotch Universities have long participated in the religious equality of their country, and made no discrimination between members of different religious creeds, Oxford and Cambridge, the two ancient, powerful and wealthy Universities of England, have long fought to the last against any infringement of their old intolerant exclusiveness. Of late, however, certain concessions have been made by both of them in the right direction, and it may be mentioned incidentally that the senior wrangler—*i. e.*, the first of his year in mathematical honors—at Cambridge is this year a Jew, and that the authorities of the University have decided to waive in his case the customary oath exacted from applicants for a degree. The same University has for some time also, we believe, admitted Protestant Dissenters to a degree. Similar concessions, though to a much less extent, have been made at the sister University, but they none of them touch the root of the matter. It is little advantage to those who cannot conscientiously accept the doctrines of the Church that they can take the bare degree, without the possibility of enjoying the more solid academical advantages to which it leads in the case of others. At present, although religious tests are not demanded at either University from students on their entrance, the foundation scholarships and studentships designed for the encouragement and support of meritorious students are placed beyond the reach of the Roman Catholic, Jew, or Dissenter. The rich fellowships—many of them a fortune to the holder in themselves—the great professorships, a share in the government of the University or of the different Colleges, are all exclusively the privilege of men who have complied with the most stringent religious tests and taken the most binding oaths of allegiance to the Anglican Church, "as by law established."

We have had no definite particulars of the details of Sir JOHN COLERIDGE's bill, and consequently can form no idea of how far he proposes to go in the reform of a state of things so contrary to the spirit of religious liberality which characterizes the age, both in England and elsewhere. His measure, we presume, will only be an installment of the equal justice which must ultimately be dealt out to all denominations in the matter of University rewards and dignities, as well as in that of access to their purely educational advantages. But it is a great thing that any measure of the kind should have been introduced by Mr. GLADSTONE's Government and brought before the House by an official of such unquestioned attachment to the Church as Sir JOHN COLERIDGE. It shows that a movement which has long been perceptible among the more enlightened section of churchmen is rapidly gaining ground. There is a growing belief among the most devoted supporters of the Church of England that henceforth she must stand on her own intrinsic merits and her own claims upon public attachment, and that no further reliance can be placed upon the attempt to monopolize the means of education or to exclude all without her walls from their rights, as Englishmen, to a full share in the dignities, prizes and distinctions of the two grand historical seats of learning of their country. There are certain positions, it is true, which must be reserved for churchmen—as long as the Establishment lasts, that is to say—but even now there is no reason why a Protestant Dissenter, at all events, should be debarred from filling the most important chair or holding the fattest fellowship. The grievance which the Dissenter now feels most acutely is the fact that whatever his position, wealth and education, his sons, however talented and however well-fitted to shine in any of the higher walks of life, are virtually shut out from all participation in the benefits of the two National Universities, unless they renounce the belief in which they have been brought up. They are allowed to enter as undergraduates, and a degree may even be coldly bestowed upon them. But they are for all that regarded as Pariahs by the stiff and orthodox Professor, or the portly and rubicund college "Don." From this galling injustice Mr. GLADSTONE proposes, in part at least, to release a large and influential portion of the community, and with his commanding majority he ought to be able to succeed. It is only by measures like these that the English Church can be saved from rough handling hereafter, and Mr. GLADSTONE as a sincere churchman himself, shows great wisdom in thus grappling with the question so early in the session of the Reformed Parliament.

Mr. Gladstone's Disestablishment Bill.

Mr. GLADSTONE has quickly and faithfully redeemed the promise he made at the opening of the session, and has introduced a full, elaborate and conclusive measure for the disestablishment of the Irish Church. In consequence of the resignation of Mr. DISRAELI immediately upon the result of the elections becoming known, the Liberal chief and his colleagues have had ample time for calm reflection and for framing a comprehensive measure. And as far as we can judge from the cable outline of Mr. GLADSTONE's introductory speech, they seem to have succeeded most admirably. The material issues involved are so vast, the personal and corporate interests so complicated, and the religious animosities excited so bitter, that the task of framing a measure that should thoroughly effect the main object in hand, and yet excite the smallest amount of unnecessary opposition, must have taxed the wisdom and experience of Mr. GLADSTONE's Cabinet to the utmost. The measure upon which, notwithstanding certain minor differences of opinion, the members of the Cabinet have agreed, in no way resembles that in which Mr. DISRAELI first commenced the task of educating his party up to the required mark in the matter of Reform. It is complete in itself, the principle is clear and intelligible, the means adopted for carrying it into effect are thoroughgoing and simple, the details are well adjusted, and as far as can at present be seen, due provision is made for the equitable settlement of all conflicting claims and difficulties that may arise after the passage of the act.

The principle of the bill is, as we have said, simple. It aims at one great object—the relief of the Irish Roman Catholic people from the grievance of an alien Church, forced on them by penal laws, and now maintained by less tyrannical means, but still by most galling and offensive enactments and prescription. All personal interests are to be duly protected, compensation is to be extended to all who hold preferment or derive income from Church property, but beyond this, the only State aid to the Protestant organization in Ireland will be the grant of money for the support of the Cathedrals, they being regarded as national structures. In order to carry out fully the principle of religious equality, the Presbyterian ministers are to receive annuities in compensation for the loss of the *Regium Donum*, and the grant to Maynooth will be capitalized. Eight millions sterling, or about half the capitalized value of the Church property, will be required for the full compensation of all loss accruing to existing interests, and for the future every religious community in Ireland, no matter what its nature, must rely alone on the contributions of its members. In the sales of leases of Church property, the tenant is to have the first option of purchase, and the tithe rent-charge is to be offered first to the owners of the land on which it is levied, at twenty-two and a half years' purchase, before being put up to auction.

The surplus property of the Church, after the satisfaction of all equitable claims, will amount to some eight and a half millions sterling, and although the preamble of the bill is negatively definite enough as to the scope of its employment, it leaves one or two points somewhat uncertain as to the purposes to which it is to be devoted. It is "to be employed for the advantage of the Irish people; not for the purposes of any Church or class, nor for the teaching of religion." The relief of exceptional distress, and the assistance of purely charitable institutions, such as asylums and hospitals, seems to be intended. It is certain, however, that the final disposal of this enormous sum will not be effected without much contention, and all the patience and tact of the Liberal leaders will be required to accomplish the task satisfactorily, and to establish fitting tribunals for its apportionment in detail.

On the whole, Mr. GLADSTONE may be [illegible] like measure in his procedure in reference to the emphatic call of the people of Great Britain, which placed him in power as the executor of their determination to remove a great and crying injustice, and atone, as far as possible, for a national crime. He has been true to the principle to which he pledged himself, and has not flinched from carrying it to all its legitimate conclusions. But he has, also, by a prudent and liberal regard for existing interests, avoided the odium attaching to anything like individual confiscation, and produced a measure which will, we are inclined to think, become law with greater facility, and give rise to less acrimonious discussion, than any other that could have been devised.

MINOR TOPICS.

"The King is dead—long live the King!" We warned all our contemporaries yesterday not to begin their editorial articles to-day by quoting this tempting passage of French history. But they must have found it quite hard to refrain from using what describes in so pert and pithy a way the fact that at 12 o'clock to-day the rule of ANDREW JOHNSON ends and that of ULYSSES GRANT begins.

FARRAGUT and his men, who have waited so long for their prize money, will soon be able to rejoice over the spoils. The bill relating to the captures made by our fleet in the Mississippi River in 1862 has become law.

What do the two Senators from this State, Messrs. CONKLING and FENTON, intend to do about the resolution that has passed both Houses of the Legislature of this State, instructing them to vote for the repeal of the Tenure-of-Office act? Do they intend to obey?

Mr. ROBINSON wishes Ireland annexed to the United States. Is not the control that Ireland already exercises over us quite enough?

Five or six thousand gentlemen will to-morrow have their minds relieved of the anxiety to know whether GRANT intends to illustrate his Cabinet with their presence. For a month their souls have been racked, and during the past few days they have been in a state bordering upon distraction. One day more of madness and misery, and then they can sleep o' nights and mind their own business.

Through Baltimore have been sweeping immense crowds of people to take part in the inauguration ceremonies at Washington. Military bodies from many parts of the country, fire companies and all sorts of companies have marched through the city, gaily flouting their flags and beating their drums. What a contrast with eight years ago, when ABRAHAM LINCOLN was spirited through Baltimore, which waited for him sullenly with a drawn dagger in its hand.

It is not so easy to say how the *Alabama* claims should be settled as it is to say how they should not be settled. For instance, we should certainly *not fight* over them. And again, for example, we should not indulge in *threats* on their account.

Secretary McCULLOCH puts forth to-day the last monthly statement of the public debt that it will be his fortune to issue. His exhibit shows a decrease in the debt during the past month of nearly *eleven millions* of dollars, while the coin in the Treasury is close upon *ninety-nine millions* of dollars.

If the Democrats wish to understand how they ought to behave themselves toward an Administration against which they will stand in the attitude of opposition, let them read the speech of Mr. DISRAELI, the leader of the English opposition, delivered at the opening of Parliament, (published yesterday.) Its good sense, its justice, its moderation, commend it as the model of an opposition party speech. Though defeated on the most vital issues, and prepared to give battle over principles not yet settled, he is none the less courteous and temperate in his language,—which is a circumstance to be studied by our furious Democratic leaders, whose malice of feeling and ferocity of speech is so terrible.

There is a great fuss in St. Louis over the fact that the managers of a lottery or "gift enterprise" have swindled the subscribers. It might have been supposed that the people of St. Louis would have learned something about these schemes from our experience of them in New-York.

A few days ago both Houses of the Legislature of this State passed a resolution instructing our Senators and requesting our Representatives in Congress to vote for the repeal of the Tenure-of-Office act. The vote of the Republican members was unanimous, and so also would have been the vote of the Democratic members but for the fact that the resolution contained passages that were positively obnoxious to them in other respects than its main object. The Tribune has been busily arguing that the Republicans of this State were opposed to the repeal of the law. Now it is mum on that point.

The "Monthly Report" of the Commissioner of Agriculture, Washington, is again before us, sixteen pages of which are appropriated, as usual, to "weather notes" and "meteorological observations," from individuals in all parts of the country. We desire to ask, with all due respect, what can be the immediate or the ultimate object of these stereotyped pages from month to month? They cost the Government thousands of dollars every year; and we have not been able to perceive that the Government, or the farmers, or gardeners, or any other class of citizens, have been or are likely to be benefited to the amount of one cent, or instructed in any possible way. We do hope the Commissioner will enlighten us on this subject. If there is anything practically valuable to any one in those pages the fact ought to be stated, and the public shown wherein it consists, so that there may be no doubt as to the object of such Report.

One MAURICE LANNIGAN was taken to the Tombs Police Court on Tuesday for having attempted a felonious assault. He turned out to be the same person who, a few years since, was convicted of the murder of his wife and sentenced to be hanged. His case, however, was heard by the Court of Appeals, and a new trial was ordered. LANNIGAN was then liberated on bail, and that ended the matter, the remembrance of which is only now revived by the new attempt at crime on the part of the unpunished murderer. Why did the second trial of LANNIGAN not take place? Who is at fault in the premises? This case is a striking commentary on the laxity of our Courts and the imperfections of our criminal code.

WESTON, the "walkist," is always challenging and offering to stake large sums of money; while, at the same time, he has a habit of bringing his walks suddenly to an end because he hasn't enough money to walk upon. It is only a few days since his "great walk" from somewhere to somewhere else, on which lots of money was bet, was abruptly terminated on account of the want of means to supply himself with victuals, and already he is out in the Buffalo papers challenging another "great walkist" thus: "I will walk against him for eight hundred dollars." It is a noble thing, we suppose, to be a "great walkist," and still more noble to be a "champion walkist," but if WESTON would only sit down and shut up for a little, we should admire him more than we do now.

Most of the objections put forward in the Senate against repealing the law that ties the hands, and obstructs the movement, and nullifies the power of President GRANT, will now pass away with the close of JOHNSON's Administration. There is no danger now of Mr. JOHNSON castigating the Senate, (as WILSON feared he would,) or vetoing the repealing bill, or taking advantage of the few days of unrestrained power that he would have had by the repeal of the Tenure-of-Office act. The upholders of the straight-jacket law will now have to find other and different arguments from those they have heretofore urged.

With the life of Rev. Mr. TOWNSEND, of the Greenwich-street Asylum, ends the experiment of the Ragged Schools of New-York—the very nomenclature of which was enough to blast it, in a community like this. That word "ragged" is felt to be an offensive one, even in England, where it is the custom to hold the lower class of people in contempt, and give them servile ideas. Here it was an unhappy piece of plagiarism. To call schools "ragged" or "dirty" in this way is a mockery of charity. Charity in this part of the world should make the ragged children a little decent, and send them respectably into the common schools with the rest of the juveniles.

OBITUARY.

Viscount Gough.

A cable dispatch announces the death of Right Hon. HUGH GOUGH, K. P. G. C. B

TELEGRAMS.

CUBA.

Gen. Aringo's Surrender to the Government Denied—Fresh Arrivals of Troops—The American Consul's Clerk Released.

HAVANA, Wednesday, March 3.

The *Voz de Cuba* (newspaper) denies the report, recently published in the *Diario*, of the surrender of the revolutionary Gen. ARINGO, pronouncing the story impossible and untrue. The *Diario* has lately become exceedingly sensational.

The steamer *Morro Castle*, from New-York, arrived this morning.

The Spanish man-of-war *Cadiz* arrived here today from Spain with 1,000 fresh troops.

Orders have been issued for the release of JOHN M. UTLEY, Consular Clerk in the American Consul-General's office. Mr. UTLEY has been in prison for nearly a month, not for any political offence, but on account of some trouble with a coachman.

The American brig *J. D. Lincoln*, which was detained here for taking cargo at Sierra Morena after that port was closed by DULCE's proclamation, finally obtained a clearance at the intercession of the American Consul.

Mr. UTLEY and Señors SANERA, LEON ROSAS, CUBIAS, PINTADO and TRITA, and five other prisoners claiming American citizenship, have been released.

The flagship *Contoocook* is here. Admiral HOFF is making active exertions for the protection of American citizens.

Reinforcements are being sent to the interior by railroad.

The steamer *Montezuma* has sailed for Nuevitas and other ports, taking $50,000 to pay the troops, and munitions of war.

A ship has been chartered to take 300 rebels to Fernando Po.

The Banco announces by authority that it will hereafter limit exchange of notes for gold to sums of $10.

The Government is advertising for horses and mules for the army.

The Bishop of Havana has offered a sixth of his income for three months for the support of the volunteers, and the Cathedral clergy have followed his example with one-tenth of their salaries. The religious brotherhoods are subscribing for the same object. A correspondent of the *Prensa* urges the Government to sequestrate the property of absent rebels.

Advices from Sagua report that the rebels on Saturday last tore up the railroad to that city, stopped a train of cars, mutilated the engine, and made prisoners of the engineer and railroad employes.

The Cuban rebels at Nassau are very active. It was reported that a steamer with a cargo of arms and crowded with men arrived at Ragged Island, on the 16th ult., on her way to Cuba.

An insurgent General has been captured and taken to Sagua la Grande, where he has been sentenced to be shot.

Commander SPENCER HUNTLEY, of the British war steamer *Cherub*, was recently drowned at Nassau by the upsetting of a boat in the surf.

Arrival of the Steamship Bienville—Later Mail News from the Ever-Faithful Isle.

By the arrival at this port of the steamship *Bienville*, from Havana, Feb. 26, and by the courtesy of Purser ALEXANDER, we are in receipt of Cuban news later by two days than that already at hand. The corps known as the *Chasseurs de Lamanca*, and numbering some 600 men, had arrived from Spain. An expedition of 1,000 men had departed for Cienfuegos; Gen. PUELLO was in command. Reports from Santiago de Cuba set forth no change in the situation. The insurgents were still devastating the district.

ASIA.

The Affair at Kohat Not a Disaster to British Arms.

LONDON, Wednesday, March 3.

Later advices from India announce that the affair at Kohat was not as disastrous as at first stated. The War Office has advices to-day stating that only one of the British soldiers was killed and two taken prisoners.

SPAIN.

Arrest of Carlist Leaders—Arms and Ammunition Seized.

MADRID, Wednesday, March 3.

Seven leaders of the Carlist movement have been arrested in Aragon. A quantity of arms and ammunition, which had been concealed by them, was discovered and seized, and important papers and correspondence also fell into the hands of the Government.

GERMANY.

The Ex-King of Hanover Protests Against the Confiscation of His Private Property.

BERLIN, Wednesday, March 3.

A document has appeared, signed by Ex-King GEORGE, of Hanover, protesting against the confiscation of his private property by the Prussian Government.

GREAT BRITAIN.

Death of Viscount Gough.

LONDON, Wednesday, March 3.

Viscount GOUGH died yesterday. He was nearly 80 years old.

GEN. SHERMAN.

Presentation of a Residence to Lieut.-Gen. Sherman by New-York Merchants.

WASHINGTON, Wednesday, March 3.

This morning, between 11 and 12 o'clock, Messrs. A. T. STEWART, HAMILTON FISH, BENJAMIN H. FIELD, WILLIAM H. ASPINWALL and WILLIAM SCOTT, of the Committee appointed by the subscribers in New-York to the fund for the purchase of a residence and furniture for Lieut.-Gen. SHERMAN, attended by ALFRED M. HOYT, nephew of Gen. SHERMAN, Gen. BUTTERFIELD, Judge HILTON, SOLON HUMPHREY, also of the contributors, visited the army headquarters by appointment. On entering Gen. GRANT's office, Mr. STEWART approached him, and informed him that they had come prepared to consummate the purchase of his residence and furniture on I-street, for the purpose of presenting the same to Gen. SHERMAN, and at the same time handed to Gen. GRANT a check for $65,000. The General received the gentlemen cordially, and expressed his great gratification at Gen. SHERMAN's being the recipient of such a high mark of friendly consideration. The General then produced a deed of the house and bill of sale for the furniture, handsomely engrossed on parchment, signed and acknowledged for record, and bearing the requisite signatures of Gen. GRANT and his wife. This being completed it was evident the parties met as business men to finish the business with which they were entrusted. After a short interview with Gen. SHERMAN, who was attending to his duties at a desk in the outer room while the Committee were engaged with Gen. GRANT, the Chairman, Mr. STEWART, made known their desire to have a private interview. Gen. SHERMAN then invited the Committee to an adjoining room usually occupied by Gen. RAWLINS, Chief-of-Staff, when Mr. STEWART, holding in his hand the subscription papers and deed and bill of sale, addressed Gen. SHERMAN as follows:

GENERAL: It is a great pleasure to me to be the mere organ of presenting this voluntary subscription of your friends and fellow-countrymen. If there was ever an occasion of the kind when any gift could be given that is perfectly free from the taint of obligation on your part, as it is contributed in the sincere belief that your noble and effective services in behalf of your country are more than paid, and never to be compensated. We trust that the Ruler of Providence who has in the past watched over, guided and protected you, on the battle-field and in the camp, will bless you with a long life, that you may enjoy the reward of a political gratitude earned from a free and happy people.

Mr. STEWART then handed Gen. SHERMAN the subscription list and deed and bill of sale, remarking that the balance of subscription, now amounting to nearly $100,000, would be forwarded to him within a few days, and after the names shall have been obtained of a few gentlemen who desire to contribute; adding that a portion of the sum had been subscribed by Gen. SHERMAN's friends in Boston, whose names would be added to the list.

Gen. SHERMAN seemed much affected, and in replying to the speech of Mr. STEWART, said:

That this note not of kindness was entirely unexpected by him until within a few days past; that in view of his coming to Washington to had been engaged in making arrangements for laying into a manner properties given to his friends, and it an home, but modest style. Of course this gift would enable him to live in a different manner than he had formerly done; that he presumed the donors; that it should be held by him for the special benefit of his family and the education of his children; that beyond this purpose he intended not to make to himself one dollar of it, and that upon from this he desired the contributors to understand that he should always be happy to welcome them in what might be regarded as their home, while visiting Washington, in order that he might know them and they know him more intimately, and that he could not further express his grateful sense of their kindness so unexpected and so generously accorded to him.

He then shook hands with all present. Mr. STEWART, while holding his hand, said that he desired to add one further remark, which was, that to no one were they more indebted in this undertaking than to Gen. BUTTERFIELD, whose energy and earnestness had contributed largely to its successful completion.

The Committee, after a brief and pleasant conversation for a few minutes, withdrew.

THE INDIAN WAR.

Summary of Recent Events in the Indian Territory—The Indians Going South.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Wednesday, March 3.

A letter in the *Republican*, dated Camp Supply, Indian Territory, Feb. 14, gives the following account of affairs in the Indian country:

"I left Gen. SHERIDAN's headquarters on the morning of the 10th inst., en route for Gen. CARR's camp, located on the San Francisco Creek, a tributary of the north fork of the Canadian River. On the night previous to my leaving, Gen. CUSTER returned from his fruitless search for the Cheyenne camp, near the mouth of Medicine Bluff Creek, at the eastern extremity of the Wichita Mountains, about 165 miles west, finding trails fresh, and all the Indians going rapidly south and west toward the headwaters of the Red River and the 'Staked Plains.' There are now about two hundred lodges of Cheyennes, ninety lodges of Arrapahoes and sixty lodges of Comanches on the war-path, together with a few Prairie Apaches, and a few Kiows and the Dog soldiers, under 'Tall Bull,' chief of the band, numbering in all about one thousand warriors. Gen. CUSTER is now under orders to move west with his regiment, the Seventh U. S. Cavalry; and the Nineteenth Kansas Volunteers, under Col. CRAWFORD, to Elm Fork of the Red River, scouting the country from the head waters of that creek. Gen. E. A. CARR is to move south, locating his supply depot on the main Canadian River, near the 101st meridian of west longitude, moving thence south. Col. EVANS moves also south from his present command on Monument Creek, near the 100th meridian, on the Canadian River, having under his command the Third United States Cavalry and a small detachment of the Thirteenth Infantry, while Col. BROOKE marches his supplies from Fort Stanton. The intention of the General commanding is to drive the hostile Indians toward one common centre, until one or all of the command can reach and chastise them as they deserve, or compel a surrender and submit to a settlement on their reservation on the terms proposed by the Government. Major LENAH, Assistant Quartermaster, is now en route for Gen. SHERIDAN's new supply department, located at the mouth of Sweetwater Creek, a tributary of the Elm fork of the Red River, with a train of two hundred and fifty wagons loaded with forage, subsistence stores, supplies for Gen. CUSTAR's command are being rapidly forwarded from Forts Arbuckle and Gibson; and the Indian campaign must be brought to a close within the next two months. It is to be hoped that this may be final. When the Indians are taught what every army officer must learn, subordination to proper authority, then, and not till then, will there be permanent peace. The Tenth United States Cavalry, under Major KIDD, is to be stationed at the new post to be established near the mouth of Medicine Bluff Creek, in the Kiow and Comanche Reservation, with good animals, ready to strike the Indians whenever they leave their Reservation.

Woman Suffrage in Wisconsin—Attempted Bribery in the Illinois Legislature.

CHICAGO, Wednesday, March 3.

Last night the Wisconsin Senate, by a vote of 21 to 6, indefinitely postponed the House bill proposing to submit to the people in 1870 the question of extending suffrage to women.

This morning, by a vote of 69 to 29, the Constitutional Amendment was ratified in the Assembly.

A sensation was created in Springfield this morning by Representative MUNSON's announcement in the Illinois House that, as Chairman of the Printing Committee, he had been offered $400 as a bribe, $200 of which he handed to the Clerk.

Col. JOHN VAN HORN, an ex-Alderman of this city, was arrested last night for shooting at his two daughters, one of whom he slightly wounded. He was to-day held to bail in the sum of $5,000 to keep the peace.

Late Australian Intelligence.

SAN FRANCISCO, Wednesday, March 3.

Two weeks' later Australian dates have been received by sailing vessels. The commercial news is uninteresting. The reply of the Sydney Chamber of Commerce to the Melbourne Chamber of Commerce for a Customs Union was not considered conclusive. Further steps are to be taken.

Preparations for a Northern Territory expedition were proceeding rapidly. Recruits were offering freely for the New-Zealand service.

The excitement over the recent massacre is intense. The war is being conducted vigorously. Fifty-seven of the enemy had been killed by friendly Maoris in the recent battle.

It is stated that there is good reason to believe that the letters supposed to have been written by the King advising an uprising of the tribes, were not authentic.

Mauritius advices confirm the reported deficiency in the sugar crop.

Arizona intelligence to Feb. 1 states that the Apaches were committing depredations in every direction, and that the troops were unable to pursue them on account of the bad condition of the roads.

Weather Report.

NEW-YORK CITY, March 4—1:15 A. M.

The following is a statement of the condition of the weather at the places named:

Plaister Cove—Clear and calm; weather moderate.
St. Johns—Overcast, mild, no wind.
Portland—Clear, moderate; wind north.
Boston—Clear and cold.
Springfield—Clear and cold.
New-Haven—Clear and cold.
Albany—Overcast and mild.
Philadelphia—Clear and cold.
Baltimore—Overcast; thermometer, 40°.
Washington—Overcast and mild; wind, southeast; thermometer, 42°.
New-Orleans—Drizzling rain.
Chicago—Clear and cold.
Cincinnati—Snowing until midnight.
Pittsburg—Clear and cold.
St. Louis—Very fine and clear all day; now calm and thawing; thermometer, 32°.

Miscellaneous Telegrams.

PROVIDENCE, March 3.—FRANK DE BLOIS, aged nine years, was drowned in a pond in Newport yesterday. About the same time two carpenters fell from the roof of a building owned by the father of young DE BLOIS. One of them, JOHN CLARKE, received injuries which will probably prove fatal. The other, WILLIAM CARPENTER, was less seriously injured.

BOSTON, March 3.—The bark *Hale Front*, of Boston, from Portland for Buenos Ayres, before reported abandoned, was towed into Gloucester harbor last night, apparently in good order, with the exception of a leak. Capt. MERRILL, although deserted by the crew, remained by his vessel, and saw her safely into port.

PHILADELPHIA, March 3.—A Committee of the City Council, the Baxter's Fire Zouaves, National Guards, Wiccacoe Legion, Good Will Engine, Harmony Engine, Taylor Hose and Republican Invincibles, have left the city for Washington to-day, to attend the inauguration.

PORTLAND, Me., March 3.—The steamship *North American*, sailed at 3 o'clock this morning for Liverpool, via Londonderry, having been detained since Saturday for the Canadian mails, the mails having been delayed by immense snow drifts above Island Pond. Some of the drifts are reported to be thirty feet in depth.

TRENTON, N. J., March 3.—The bill to abolish tresspass duties on railroads and canals passing through this State was to-day passed by the Senate unanimously. It was sent to the House, where prompt passage is expected.

DETROIT, Mich., March 3.—The Democratic State Convention met at Lansing to-day, and nominated G. D. HUGHES, of Marshall, for Justice of the Supreme Court. The informal ballot stood—HUGHES 65, COOLEY 52, GREEN 7, COOLEY is the Republican nominee. On the first formal ballot HUGHES' nomination was made unanimous.

WORCESTER, Mass., March 3.—The examination of PYKE, the alleged wife poisoner, at Fitchburg, was to-day, at the request of the Attorney-General, again postponed until the 24th inst.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 3.—Yesterday afternoon the Illinois Senate passed Mr. FULLER's Restrictive Railroad bill. As the railroad men make no objection, its passage by the House is certain.

BUFFALO, N. Y., March 3.—W. E. SMITH and ABRAHAM CLARKE, of New-York City, were arrested here to-day, charged with forging a check on the New-York and Erie Bank. The chief elections in Erie County have resulted the same as last year. There is a Republican majority of the County Board of Supervisors.

WHEELING, W. Va., March 3.—The West Virginia Legislature ratified the Suffrage amendment to the Constitution to-day.

PHILADELPHIA, Penn., March 3.—At a meeting of the Vessel Owners' Association to-day it was resolved that during 1869 freights will not be carried cash of Cents Gold for less than $8 per ton, and to Rhode Island for less than $6 per ton.

SALEM, Mass., March 3.—NED O'BALDWIN, the Irish Giant, was hailed out to-day by JAMES D. SMITH, of Boston, and two other gentlemen.

TRENTON, N. J., March 3.—The attempt to pass all the special applications for fire insurance companies under a special law, failed today in the House. The Transit Duty bill, reducing the per capita tax and duty on freight on the Camden and Amboy Railroads, and substituting a tax upon the Companies, passed the Senate and House to-day. The Governor will vote the bill to incorporate the Champion Base Ball Club of Jersey City.

DETROIT, Mich., March 3.—The claim of CHAS. HOWARD, for $200,000, against the Detroit and Milwaukee Railroad Company, was to-day decided in favor of the defendants, in the Circuit Court. The case was commenced in 1863 by the plaintiff for work performed in the construction of a portion of the railroad now occupied by the defendants. The case will probably be carried to the Supreme Court.

AUGUSTA, Me., March 3.—The House refused, by a vote of 66 to 21, to pass the resolution instructing our Senators and Representatives in Congress to urge the reestablishment of the Reciprocity Treaty between the United States and the British Provinces.

The announcement of the death of Gen. WYMAN R. S. MOORE was premature. He is very sick, in Virginia, but not dead.

HUDSON, N. Y., March 3.—The election for town officers in Columbia County took place yesterday, and resulted in the election of thirteen Democratic and seven Republican Supervisors—a Democratic gain of one in the Board. The political lines were very closely drawn, and the contest a most exciting one.

SHIPWRECK OFF NANTUCKET.

Loss of a New-York Ship on the Shoals—Two of the Crew Drowned and Two Frozen to Death—Terrible Suffering of the Survivors.

From Our Own Correspondent.

BOSTON, Tuesday, March 2, 1869.

Intelligence of the loss of the ship *Harry Bluff*, of New-York, Capt. OLIVER, on Nantucket Shoals, on Saturday last, together with a portion of her crew, is received here by the arrival of the brig *Clara Jenkins*, Capt. GILKEY, with the survivors. They tell a thrilling story of their perils and sufferings.

According to this the *Harry Bluff* sailed from Cadiz on the 16th of last January for Boston, with a cargo of 1,200 tons of salt and 300 casks of wine, and a crew of thirteen negroes and three or four white boys. After passing the Western Islands she encountered a succession of strong gales and high seas, and after a while intense cold weather. In the midst of this she sprung aleak, and it was found necessary to keep one pump going most of the time to keep her free from water. Thus the Captain managed to wear her toward the port for which she was bound until the South Shoal of Nantucket was reached. Here, a few minutes before midnight on Friday night she struck, and thumped on the hard sand in a manner to threaten her instant destruction. But, at length, she was worked free of the shoal, and anchored in thirteen fathoms of water. She then began to leak at a serious rate, and was soon nearly full of water. Her cargo of salt in the lower hold began to dissolve, and therefore, to prevent her from becoming top heavy, the crew were put to work to shovel the salt that was stowed between decks into the hold. But all their labor was useless, and at about 10 o'clock on Saturday morning, it was thought best to abandon the vessel, she then having sixteen feet of water in the hold, and preparations were made accordingly.

And then the real sufferings of the men began. While attempting to launch the jolly-boat two of the crew fell into the sea and were drowned, and the boat was upset and rendered useless. Their names were W. SCHOLS, of Nova Scotia, and T. SHORT, of Fall River. The officers and the remainder of the crew then succeeded in safely launching the longboat, and taking a small supply of provisions and some water, together with the seamen's clothing, got clear of the ship. There was a heavy sea on at the time, and to prevent the boat from swamping two bags of clothing belonging to the Captain were thrown overboard and used as a drag to steady it. But these were finally lost, and they got along as best they could without them, having many narrow escapes from drowning all together. During the following night they suffered keenly from the biting cold. The wind blew almost a gale from the northwest, freezing the flying spray as it swept over the men. At one time they passed so near a vessel as to plainly see men walking on her decks, but having no means of making a signal in the dark, and the sounds of the sea drowning the sound of their voices, they were passed by unobserved. They all began to despair of rescue. Every hour the danger of freezing to death increased and their sufferings grew almost unbearable. At last one seaman died, he was frozen to death. This was about two o'clock on Sunday morning. Two hours after another died; he, also, was frozen to death. Each one began to feel that death would not be long in reaching them all. At length another vessel was seen. She was signaled. The signal was answered and they were saved.

When taken on board of the ship, which was the *Clara Jenkins*, as above stated, the men were almost helpless. They had been exposed for nearly twenty-four hours in their open boat, and were badly frost-bitten in their hands and other exposed parts of their bodies. When the brig was coming up our harbor she was boarded by the revenue tug *Hamlin* by Collector RUSSAT, who had heard of her arrival below; and when he saw the condition of the rescued crew, he had them transferred directly to the Marine Hospital at Chelsea, without going through the usual forms. There they are now receiving every attention, and doubtless the lives of all will be saved notwithstanding their critical condition. The names of those frozen to death were JOHN BROWN, cook, colored, of Baltimore, and JOHN AUSTIN, colored, of the West Indies.

Capt. OLIVER gives the following as the particulars of the loss of his ship:

"The ship struck on Great Rip at midnight of Friday, Sassoky Head bearing north-northwest; were ship and stood to the southward; saw breakers ahead; were ship again, and stood north, intending to run over the north part of the shoal to get into deep water; but was obliged to wear again—breakers all round—Sassoky Light bearing northwest by west; the ship struck again very heavy and continued for half an hour; the ship then drifted over the shoal into thirteen fathoms of water; let go both anchors and paid out all the chain, the ship filling fast, and all hands at the pumps; the ship continuing to drift, cut away mainmast, the mizzenmast going with it. When she brought up. In a short time the water was up to the between decks, and the ship listing to port; the water being over the main hatch, I ordered with the hatch; got out the longboat and left the ship, intending to hold on the stern until assistance came from the shore, but the tide running so strong was unable to reach the ship again."

The Captain speaks very warmly of the kindness of Capt. GILKEY of the brig by which he and his crew were rescued, and also of the attention and hospitality of the Collector. The cargo of salt and wine on board of the wrecked ship was insured in this city for $26,000 in the following offices: The Neptune, $19,000; Merchants, $6,000, Boylston, $3,000. The latter also had $1,000 on the Captain's personal effects, which were in the two bags used as a drag in the longboat, which were lost overboard. MUNROE.

The Louisiana Congressmen.

From the New-Orleans Times, Feb. 27.

We observe that the several gentlemen elected to the Forty-first Congress, to wit, Messrs. MCCRARY, BAILEY and ELIOT, of the Third, Fourth and Fifth Districts, are in the city, on their way to Washington, to attend the opening of the Forty-first Congress. These gentlemen all have certificates of their election from Gov. WARMOUTH. Mr. HUNT, elected from the Second District, is in Washington, prosecuting his claim to his seat. He has no certificate, that having been given to Col. SHELDON, who, on the popular vote, fell behind some twelve thousand votes. In a district polling some 20,000 he received not 400 white votes, and is certified as the representative of the wealthiest district in Louisiana, and that in which there is the largest number of white citizens.

This result has been brought about by the exclusion of the whole vote of the City of New-Orleans, which constitutes four-fifths of the vote of the district. This exclusion has been made upon some idle technicality, or upon general allegation of fraud and intimidation of voters. This latter ground is that upon which Mr. St. MARTIN's claim to his seat from the First has been rejected by the Committee. Intimidation of the city of New-Orleans, Mr. ST. MARTIN still has a case for him under duress. Testimony has been taken on this subject in this city, which reveals the fact that the whole pretext of the employment of menaces against the negroes is a sheer invention and fabrication of the carpet-bagger.

The Peabody Educational Fund.

The Houston (Texas) *Union* publishes the following reply from Rev. Dr. BARNAS SEARS to a letter from a gentleman in that city, inquiring why TEXAS was not admitted to the benefits of the Peabody Southern Educational Fund:

STAUNTON, Feb. 9, 1869.

MY DEAR SIR: By the express direction of Mr. PEABODY, the trustees of the Peabody Educational Fund are accountable to no one for their decisions; no States or individuals have any claims upon the benefits of the fund. I have no right, as agent of the trustees, to explain the reasons or motives of their actions. They might choose to say nothing, or to speak for themselves. My personal convictions, which I am willing to give you, is that Kentucky, Missouri and Texas were passed over because they suffered less from the effects of the war than other Southern States. It was to this latter class of States, most devastated by the war, that the aid furnished by Mr. PEABODY was intended to be given.

Very respectfully,
E. SEARS, General Agent.

AMUSEMENTS.

Theatrical.

OLYMPIC THEATRE.

"Humpty Dumpty" may soon be called the "Methuselah" of the drama. Last night this entertaining hero was represented for the four hundredth time at the Olympic Theatre. The receipts of the box-office on this interesting occasion were within very few dollars of a thousand. Few plays which have attained notable "runs" in New-York have maintained such an even prosperity as this pantomime. "Uncle Tom" and the "Black Crook" are still ahead of "Humpty Dumpty" in respect of the number of representations, but these, we believe, are the only predecessors whom that hero of pantomime has to surpass, to take the lead among the great successes of the New-York stage. Only three members of the original cast, we are told, continue to represent the identical characters in which they appeared upon the first night of the piece—Mr. GEORGE FOX, Mlle. SANGALI and Mr. G. K. FOX! This trio have never been absent a night nor a *matinée* from their duties, and for four hundred times, through August heats and January frosts, they have pursued their diverting performances. Is it possible for an actor to assume a part for four hundred times without becoming more or less affected with it in his dreams and his sober life? It does not seem so; nor, indeed, does it appear as if they could ever wholly throw off the habits of their oft-repeated rôles. Habit, we are assured, becomes second nature. In that event it is frightful to contemplate the hereafter of the entertaining performers whom we have named above; what amount of pecuniary reward can reconcile Mr. FOX to a perpetual existence of chalk and broad grins of idiocy and stuffed bricks, or Mlle. SANGALI to an uninterrupted future of simpers and pirouettes?

VARIOUS DRAMATIC NOTES.

The manager of the Bowery Theatre has been six months preparing a pantomime which is to be brought out on next Monday night. It is called "The Seven Dwarfs," and a select company of notabilities has been invited to a full rehearsal of the piece, to take place on Sunday evening next.

Mlle. Zon is playing this week at the Broadway Theatre in two dramas, "The French Spy" and "The Wept of the Wish-ton-Wish." Her benefit is announced for Friday evening. Miss REYNOLDS' engagement begins on Monday next.

Some time ago it was announced that Mr. SOTHERN would come to Booth's Theatre in the Fall of this year. Then it was stated that Mr. SOTHERN had reconsidered his intention. Now we hear that Miss BATEMAN has signed an engagement to appear at Booth's, which covers Mr. SOTHERN's time; her opening night being fixed for Sept. 20.

Miss EFFIE GERMON has been engaged at Wallack's Theatre, and will make an early *début* in the new comedy of "School." Mr. O. MARLOWE has been engaged to appear in the same piece.

Mr. BROUGHAM's new simplification of SHAKESPEARE, which he calls "Much Ado About a Merchant of Venice," is to be produced on Monday next.

The eldest son of JOSEPH JEFFERSON—CHARLES—a young fellow of 18, and the image of his father, exhibits taste and talents for the stage, and will no doubt astonish his parent and the public one of these days. The JEFFERSONS and WARRENS are the oldest theatrical families of the American stage, and the footlight fever appears to be hereditary.

Mr. A. H. DAVENPORT, the former New-York favorite, has organized a company to travel through the large towns of Missouri, with Mlle. TOURNOUR—a female gymnast of 15—as the star.

Miss MARRIOTT, the English actress, and Mr. CATHCART, who was over here with the KEANS, are to follow the FLORENCES at Wood's Museum.

Condition of Migaldo.

Our reporter yesterday visited the murderer, RINALDO MIGALDO, who is now lying in the hospital of the Sing Sing Prison, suffering from the effects of an unsuccessful attempt to commit suicide by cutting his throat. Our readers will remember that the convict made the attempt on Wednesday, the 24th ult., just before leaving his cell in the Tombs to go to State Prison with a Deputy Sheriff. When the parties had reached their destination the condition of the prisoner was discovered. The wound in his throat, inflicted by a piece of window-glass, and carefully bound up with a white neck-cloth, to prevent it being seen, had bled very freely, and MIGALDO was thought to be dying. Upon close examination of the gashes on the neck, it was seen that they had not reached the jugular vein, and the case was, therefore, not without hope. The best of surgical aid was provided, and under the most careful attention the man is speedily recovering, the probability being that in a few days he will be able to work. He at first declined to speak on the subject of the attempted self-destruction to the jailors and others, but he yielded at length, and now freely converses with those whom he knows. He pretends to be sorry for the act, and says that he would not have done it but for the fact that he dreaded so much, on first thought, the horrors of a life-long imprisonment. He is closely watched by the keepers, who never leave his bedside, as it is feared by them that if opportunity offers he will make another effort to end his life.

Immigration.

The following is the return of arrivals at Castle Garden during February.

Ports of Clearance.	Vessels.	Passengers.	Bondable to bond.	Not liable
Liverpool	13	1,127	1	226
London	3	320	16	16
Glasgow	4	316	23	23
Hamburg	4	618	..	..
Bremen	6	728	..	..
Totals	30	4,108	40	265

The following gives their destination:

Arkansas, 1; Canada, 28; California, 111; Connecticut, 48; Colorado, 1; Delaware, 9; District of Columbia, 2; Georgia, 1; Illinois, 67; Iowa, 12; Idaho, 1; Indiana, 101; Kentucky, 28; Kansas, 54; Louisiana, 6; Massachusetts, 134; Maryland, 41; Maine, 1; Michigan, 77; Minnesota, 14; Missouri, 78; Mississippi, 1; New-Hampshire, 1; Nova Scotia, 2; New-York, 1,246; New-Jersey, 19; Nebraska, 18; North Carolina, 1; New-Brunswick, 1; Oregon, 12; Rhode Island, 42; Ohio, 229; Pennsylvania, 258; South Carolina, 2; South America, 1; Texas, 54; Tennessee, 81; Vermont, 9; Virginia, 12; West Indies, 1; West Virginia, 21; Wisconsin, 102; Wyoming, 1; Total, 4,408. Up to March 30, the arrivals numbered 8,900 against 9,007 in 1868.

Arrest of an Alleged Incendiary.

Yesterday afternoon Detectives IRVING and COYLE, of the Central Police Office, arrested one JOHN H. BOTTS in a billiard saloon in Fourth-avenue, upon a charge of having fired a dwelling-house in Stamford, Conn., on last Thursday night. The complaint upon which the arrest was ordered was made by Fire Marshal JACOBS, of Stamford, and it is also alleged that the accused has fired a number of houses in that city and its vicinity, causing wide-spread alarm and some considerable pecuniary loss. The prisoner, however, protests that he is entirely innocent, and declared himself ready to return at once to Connecticut without waiting for the requisition of Gov. ENGLISH, which had been issued, but had not yet arrived, and without which he could not be legally removed from the State. As he waived his rights, he was last evening taken to Stamford by Detective IRVING and delivered to the authorities of that city.

Capture of a Notorious Swindler.

Hundreds of persons throughout the United States will be pleased to hear of the capture and punishment of the notorious swindler, Rev. Mr. Wolfe, alias Mason, alias Taylor, &c., &c., who for the past few years has been living handsomely on the credulity of honest people.

His arrest was effected at Worcester, Mass., about a week ago, and was brought about by the publication in the NEW-YORK TIMES of the villain's doings in this City. WOOD, it appears, left New-York immediately after our exposition of the manner in which he had cheated the proprietor of Sweeny's Hotel, and the firm of Messrs. F. G. BARNUM & Co., clothiers, by false representations. He took up his march for Boston, stopping on the way at various places, and in each instance he skipped hotel-keepers and others out of various sums of money. At Worcester he swindled the proprietor of the Bay State Hotel, who, after his departure, read our description of him, and, by means of the telegraph, caught him before he had proceeded much further. He was convicted and sentenced to serve the State for two years in the work-house. According to the latest accounts, he is now endeavoring to deceive the authorities by preaching every Sunday to the other prisoners, and pretending in many ways that he is a Christian man, who has been wrongly condemned. He is thus endeavoring to secure his pardon from the Governor, but it is likely that the New-Yorkers who have suffered from his pranks will spoil his little game by presenting to the Executive, in a few days, the real history of the arrest swindler, whose clever performances have given him a national reputation. The Police of Rochester will claim him for trial as soon as the present term shall have been served, and then others will follow, perhaps until the close of his infamous life.

The Murderer Real.

The fate of the murderer, JOHN REAL, seems now to have been settled beyond peradventure, as it is generally understood that a direct appeal, recently made to Gov. HOFFMAN by the most influential friends of the prisoner for a commutation of sentence, has utterly failed. The Governor is reported to have said to the parties who waited upon him on that errand that he had been Mayor of New-York long enough to know that the worst thing that could possibly be done at this juncture would be to interfere with the course of the law in this case. REAL received the announcement very coolly, it is said, and told a visitor yesterday that he felt certain of escaping. He said that he had suffered enough already for his crime, and added that his friends thought so, too, and that the most influential politician in the City was working with the Governor in his behalf. It is stated by those familiar with the Sheriff's Office that O'BRIEN will not hang his "pet," but will absent himself from the scene of the execution, and allow the Under Sheriff to do the work.

New Railroad Route to and from Sharon and Lebanon Springs.

A railroad will be completed by July 1 from Cobleskill to Sharon, in connection with the Albany and Susquehanna Railroad. Passengers, and especially invalids, will appreciate the comforts of a passage up the Hudson by daylight to Albany, landing near the depot, and thence proceeding without change of "broad-gauge cars" to Sharon, thus avoiding the long and tedious up-hill ride by coach. Returning, the day boats will be reached without the necessity of leaving Sharon at an unreasonable hour in the morning. By the completion of the Lebanon Springs Railroad, which is now nearly finished, invalids can avail themselves of a new and comfortable route by day boats to and from Hudson.

LOCAL NEWS IN BRIEF.

New-York.

A German aged about 24 years, and about five and a half feet in height, at an early hour yesterday morning was found lying insensible on the sidewalk in Houston-street, between Mott and Elizabeth. He was removed by the Police to Bellevue Hospital, where the Surgeon declared that he was under the influence of poison, and that there is little chance of his recovery. When found he was respectably dressed in dark coat and pants, black velvet vest, blue necktie, black hat and gaiters, but there was nothing upon the person by which his identity could be established.

The Homœopathic Medical College had its ninth commencement of the rooms of the Historical Society yesterday evening. Degrees were conferred on twenty-four graduates, and addresses were made by Rev. Dr. TYNG, Dr. CHAS. J. MANSFIELD and Prof. P. W. HUNT.

The Union League Club have ordered a salute in Madison-square at the hour of the inauguration, and calcium lights and music on the balconies of the Club-house in the evening.

The safety deposit companies established in this City have proved to be so useful and so prosperous that the time is now ripe for the banks are connecting such establishments with their regular business, and offer inducements to all who have valuables to be stored. The National Park Bank have a safe deposit vault in their banking building of simple dimensions, well lighted and ventilated. It is for the accommodation of their dealers and others. Perfect safety is promised to all who place anything there for safe keeping.

At a meeting of the Eighth Assembly District German Republican Club, last night, resolutions were adopted condemning the bill introduced into Congress by Senator FRIEDENSWERTHEN, relating to the naturalization of foreigners.

The Old School Presbyterian Assembly will meet at Dr. SPRING's church, corner of Fifth-avenue and Thirty-seventh-street, on the third Thursday of May. The New School Assembly will meet in this City at the same time. These Conventions are looked forward to with much interest, as it is believed a union will be effected by the two branches of the Church.

The Fire Commissioners held their regular weekly meeting yesterday morning. The report of Chief Engineer KINGSLAND for February shows that there were 62 fires during that month.

The Board of Police Commissioners at their meeting yesterday, considered the petition of the citizens of the Twelfth Ward of Brooklyn, for the formation of a new Police Precinct in that boundary of the Ward. No definite conclusion was reached, but it is thought that the request of the petitioners will be granted.

Officer REVERILL, of the Third Precinct, during Tuesday night discovered two burglars attempting to force their way into the premises No. 308 Washington-street. They fled at his approach, and were not arrested.

Yesterday morning the Police found under Pier No. 48, North River, a small boat containing a large lot of cotton, which are presumed to have been stolen.

WENDELL PHILLIPS will deliver his interesting and instructive lecture on "The Lost Arts," at Trenor's Hall, Sixth-avenue, between Forty-first and Forty-second streets, this evening. Proceeds to aid a Sunday school library fund.

A concert will be given by the members of the Choral Society of Brooklyn, in St. John's M. E. Church, Fifty-third-street, near Broadway, this (Thursday) evening, for the benefit of the Sabbath School.

Deputy Marshal THOMPSON received a pardon to-day from the President, for BROCKWAY, who was convicted of counterfeiting some time ago, and sentenced to the Albany Penitentiary for fifteen years.

A general Committee meeting of the Manhattan circles of the Temperance Brotherhood was held at their central headquarters, No. 819 Broadway, last evening, at which it was decided to give a public reception to the released patriots, WARREN and COSTELLO, upon their arrival. No definite plans were determined on, except the selection of the place, at Cooper Institute Hall.

Yesterday afternoon the Trustees of the College of the City of New-York held a meeting, RICHARD L. LAWRENCE, Esq., presiding. The venerable President of the College, Prof. HORACE WEBSTER, D. D., LL.D., offered his resignation, giving as a reason his advanced age. The resignation was accepted with expressions of regret, and Prof. WEBSTER was requested to continue in office until a successor shall have been appointed.

Last evening a quarrel occurred in the saloon No. 197 South-street, in which MICHAEL DONOVAN was struck on the head with a shovel by JAMES SMITH, and severely wounded over the eye. SMITH was arrested and locked up in the Coherees Station-house.

Mrs. ELIZA HIDLEY, of No. 659 Third-avenue, was on a visit yesterday afternoon in Brooklyn, and being taken with a fit was placed in a carriage to be taken home, but died before reaching there. The Coroner's office was notified.

A fire occurred last evening in the apartments of NUGENT HOFFMAN, on first floor of No. 166 Suffolk-street, doing a damage of $200 to furniture, insured for $1,500 in the Relief Insurance Company.

New-Jersey.

Coroner WHITE, of Hoboken, commenced an inquest yesterday on the body of a young American girl, ANNA SMITH, who had committed suicide the evening previous by taking an ounce of Paris green. She resided as a domestic in a family in Hudson City, and was noticed on Wednesday last to be unusually despondent. On being asked the reason, she admitted having taken a dose of Paris green. A doctor was called in as soon as possible, an antidote given and the girl was hurried off to St. Mary's Hospital, in Hoboken, where death ensued within a few hours. A broken love engagement is supposed to have been the cause of the committal of the act.

PETER HOCH, a German working in the Dickerson locomotive shop, Paterson, was run over yesterday, by an eastward bound train while crossing over a new iron bridge near the city. He was watching the approach of a westward bound train when the accident happened.

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REAL ESTATE PROCEEDINGS.

The usual crowd assembled yesterday at the Exchange Salesroom, and the bidding was quite as spirited as any day this week.

West side lots are in great demand, and although the market offers almost daily excellent lots, located anywhere between Sixtieth and One Hundred and Seventieth streets, and from Broadway to the North River, yet, contrary to the rules which govern all other markets, the demand becomes with the supply. It seems almost impossible to get ground enough to satisfy the eager purchasers. Four lots on 81st Street, between the Boulevard and Eighth-avenue, 25x100.5, were sold by JAMES M. MILLER. They were started at $7,000, but ran up with great rapidity and were sold at $8,150 each. There were very many bidders and the purchaser was fortunate in securing them even at that price. Four lots on Seventy-second-street, west of Broadway, 25x76, were promptly sold at $8,200 each, and four others, 25x76, west of and adjoining these, brought $8,750 each.

Remembering the amount of money which must be expended in opening streets, grading, paving, &c. &c., the prices paid for up-town lots seem most extravagant. The easy terms on which they are purchased doubtless adds to the price and makes them sell at much higher rate than they otherwise would. In the most cases but 10 per cent is required to be paid on the day of sale; 20 or 30 P cent more within sixty days, and 60 or 70 P cent is allowed to remain on mortgage for from three to five years. This keeps alive the spirit of speculation. Many lots sold on these terms are resold within three or four months from the time of purchase, and the purchaser realizes a very handsome profit from the increased value.

The Westchester property sold by Messrs. A. J. BLEECKER, SON & Co. also brought stiff prices. These lots seemed to be bought by persons residing in the neighborhood, who desired to improve them. The terms were generally strange, not those who frequent the Exchange, but persons who came for the express purpose of investing in this property, and who were not interested in any of the other sales that were going on around them. Four lots on the Boston Road brought $1,000 each; four others on Wesley-place, $1,425 each, and the other lots on First-street, Cliff-street, Woodlawn and Grove-avenue brought proportionate prices.

A very large crowd collected about the stand of Messrs. JOHNSON & MILLER, who were selling the "Kingsland property," consisting of two hundred and fifty lots situate in the Seventeenth Ward, Brooklyn. The bidding was spirited, and the lots all sold well.

The value of Brooklyn property is increasing steadily. The extreme high prices at which all lots in the vicinity of the Central Park or the Boulevard are held, will drive many of our citizens to the suburban cities for residences. Lots in the vicinity of Prospect Park may be bought at from two to three thousand dollars, and they are quite as convenient to the business portions of this City as lots in the Western portion of the island. Comparatively, Brooklyn lots are much the cheaper, and capitalists are beginning to realize the fact. Property at Flatbush, East New-York and Bay Ridge already feels the influence of the New-York market, and it is but fair to suppose that they will very soon be brought more prominently in the market, and their value will then hugely increase.

☞ The sales for to-day embrace several pieces of very valuable improved real estate.

Messrs. A. J. BLEECKER, SON & Co. will sell four lots on the west side of Third-avenue, commencing at One Hundred and Third-street; eight lots on the north side of One Hundred and Third-street, and west of Third-avenue. These lots are very finely located, and will sell well. Also four lots on Seventh-avenue, northeast corner of One Hundred and Twenty-seventh-street, (Boulevard;) three lots on One Hundred and Twenty-seventh-street, immediately in the rear of the above; one on One Hundred and Eleventh-street, west of Fifth-avenue, and four lots in Wagner-place.

MR. JAMES M. MILLER will sell the three lots of ground, with the improvements, Nos. 103, 105 and 104 Dunne-st., south side, commencing 100 feet west of Broadway.

Messrs. E. H. LUDLOW & CO. will sell the four-story brick store and lot No. 10 South William-street, running through to No. 9 Stone-st., and the three-story brick store, No. 6 Pearl-street, running through to No. 21 Bridge-street, and the store and lot No. 27 South William-street, running through to No. 11 Stone-street.

Messrs. A. H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & Co. have as executors' sale of property on Twenty-eighth, Thirty-sixth, Thirty-seventh and Seventy-sixth streets, Twenty-first and Ninth-avenues, the new and valuable hotel situate on the southeast corner of Broadway and Twenty-first-street.

Messrs. JOHNSON & MILLER will sell 109 lots, including water-front on the "Delaplaine Estate," Eighth Ward, Brooklyn. These lots are situated on the Second-avenue, Thirty-eighth and Thirty-ninth streets, and are bounded by Bay, Third and Forty-second streets and Seventh and Eighth avenues, and are in the immediate neighborhood of the proposed new ferry from the Battery to Second and Greenwood.

The sales for Friday are not very large. Messrs. A. H. MULLER, P. R. WILKINS & CO. will offer property on Vanderbilt-avenue, Brooklyn, between Myrtle and Willoughby-avenues; thirty-seven lots on Street, East Tenth-street and Rutgers-place, New-York. On Monday they will offer fifty-four lots on the Boulevard, Twenty-fifth-avenue, Ninth, Eighth and Seventh streets, near the Riverside Park, when another very large crowd will undoubtedly attend, and the prices brought be probably even greater than at any previous sale.

Auction Sales Yesterday.

NEW-YORK.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co.

3½-story brick house and lot, n. s. 73d-st., 100 ft. w. of 2d-av., 25x102.4, Kennedy $12,825
1 lot No. 464 Pearl-st., s. s., 79.7 ft. n. n. of Madison-st., 24x118.4, Wm. Steger 14,000

By James M. Miller.

4 lots s. s. 81st-st., 100 ft. w. of 8th-av., each 25x100.5, Mr. Conroy $28,200
4 lots s. s. 72d-st., 100 ft. e. of 11th-av., J. R. Smith 22,000
4 lots adjoining, B. Bergh 22,200

By Moller, Willmer & Co.

2-story brick store, 2-story brick house, and lot No. 408 Cherry-st., lot 20x67.6, J. W. McCarthy, $7,200
4-story and 5-story brick houses and lot No. 51 Jackson-st., lot 25x72, J. Kelly 14,000
3-story brick store and lot No. 46 Front-st., lot 20x68.4, J. Phelan 12,600
4-story brick store and lot No. 38 Water-st., lot 20.8x68.11, C. H. Southard 12,000
4-story brick store and lot No. 388 Henry-st., lot 20x68.4, H. Marks 10,500
3-story brick house and lot No. 12 Washington-square, lot 20x144.4, J. Milbury 30,750
3-story brick-stone house and lot No. 18 Washington-square, lot 22x100, J. Schmidt 34,000
4-story brick store and lot No. 1,077 2d-av., lot 20, Mark Levy 17,000
4-story brick store, cellar and lot adjoining, (No. 1,076,) lot 20x70, J. Lowe 18,000
3-story brown-stone house and lot, s. e. corner of Lexington-av. and 53d-st., lot 19.10x70, H. Hyman 32,000

By E. H. Ludlow & Co.

4-story brick house and lot No. 163 East 126th-st., lot 20x100, Mary A. Allen $14,000
4-story brick house and lot No. 144 Water-st., and Peck-st., lot 17.10x60, J. Mar 22,750
4-story brick house, lot No. 26 Beekman-st., near Nassau, lot 27x100, Mr. Burdell 32,500
2-story brick house and lots Nos. 20 and 70 Irving-place, near East 16th-st.; each lot 25 feet in front, G. H. Wyckoff 35,700

By Johnson & Co.

3-story house and lot No. 35 E. 72d-st., n. s., lot 17 x100.2 ..... $11,750
House and lot adjoining, No. 33, lot 17x100.2 11,500

HARLEM.

By A. J. Bleecker, Son & Co.

2 lots n. s. 116th-st., 200 ft. e. of Madison-av., each 20x100.11, Chas. H. Swan $4,200
2 lots n. s. of 116th-st., 300 ft. e. of Avenue A, each 20x100.11, Rathgeber & Co. 4,200
1 lot adjoining, same size, Rathgeber & Co. 2,100
1 lot n. s. 118th-st., 140 ft. e. of Avenue A, each 20x100.11, John H. Williams 2,075
1 lot adjoining, same size, John H. Williams 2,075
Eight vacant lots adjoining, same size, Chas. H. Swan 8,800

By J. Scott.

4 lots n. s. of Douglas-st., each 25x115, J. Thornburn, for $840
4 lots s. w. cor. of Douglas-st. and Ralph-av., each 25x100, J. Thornburn 840
4 lots on Ralph-av., in rear of the above, each 25x100, J. Thornburn 800
2 lots s. e. cor. of Douglas-st and Ralph-av., J. Thornburn 410
2 lots in rear of the above, Andrews 375
120, J. Brunder 2,000
1 lot s. s. of 21st-st., in rear of above, 25x100, J. Brunder 775
2-story frame house and lot adjoining, lot 25x100, J. Brunder 1,100
1 lot adjoining, J. Brunder 775
2-story frame house and lot adjoining, lot 25x100, G. W. Platt 2,000

BROOKLYN.

By Johnson & Miller—Kingsland Property, Seventh Ward, New-York.

1 lot corner of Meeker-av. and Varick-st., 25x100 $775
1 lot on Meeker-av., adjoining same size 700
1 lot on Meeker-av., adjoining same size 700
1 lot on Meeker-av., adjoining, 25x100 700
1 lot on Meeker-av., adjoining, 25x100 700
1 lot on Meeker-av., adjoining, 25x100.6 700
1 lot on Meeker-av., adjoining, 25x100.11 700
1 lot corner Varick-st. and Meeker-av., 25x100 750
4 lots adjoining, same size, each 700
1 lot on Meeker-av., adjoining, same size, each 700
1 lot on Meeker-av., adjoining, same size, each 700
1 lot on Varick-st., near Meeker-av., 25x100 800
1 lots on Varick-st., adjoining, 25x100 each 800
1 lot on Noonan-st., adjoining, 25x100 each 1,200
1 lot on Noonan-st., adjoining, 25x100.6 800
1 lot on Noonan-st., adjoining, 25x100.3 800
1 lot on Noonan-st., adjoining, 25x100.9 800
1 lot on Noonan-st., adjoining, 25x100.6 800
1 lot on Noonan-st., adjoining, 25x100.3 800
1 lot corner Vandam and Noonan sts., same size 850
1 lot in Vandam-st., rear of above, 25x100 800
1 lot in Vandam-st., adjoining, 25x100 800

10 lots on Noonan-st., corner Bridgewater-st., together with decking privileges and ½ of Varick-st., each lot 25x100, E. Seely 12,000
1 lot on Meeker-st., near Meeker-av., 25x100 800
1 lot on Meeker-av., near Bridgewater-st., 25x100 750
1 lot adjoining, 25x100.4½ 750
1 lot on Varick-st., near Meeker-av., 25x100 850
2 lots adjoining, same size, each 850
1 lot adjoining, 25x100.3½ 850
1 lot adjoining, 25x100.4 850
1 lot adjoining, 25x100.7½ 850
1 lot adjoining, 25x100.6 850
1 lot adjoining, 25x77.11½ 850
1 lot adjoining, 25x100.4½ 850
1 lot adjoining, 25x66.10 850
1 gore lot adjoining, 11.10 ft. front and 76.3½ ft. deep 350
1 lot on Bridgewater-st., near Varick-st., 25x98.4 850
1 lot on Bridgewater-st., adjoining Varick-st., 25 x100 850
1 lot on Bridgewater-st., adjoining Varick-st., 25 x77.11 850
1 lot on Bridgewater-st., adjoining Varick-st., 25 x98.4 850
1 lot on Bridgewater-st., adjoining Varick-st., 25 x100

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JAY COOKE & CO.

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Buy and Sell all issues of
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STOCKS, BONDS, GOVERNMENT SECURITIES, FOREIGN EXCHANGE and GOLD bought and sold on the most favorable terms.
INTEREST allowed on deposits either in Currency or Gold, subject to check at sight, the same as with the City Banks.
ADVANCES made on all marketable securities.
CERTIFICATES of Deposit issued bearing interest.
COLLECTIONS made at all points of the UNION and BRITISH PROVINCES.
LOANS negotiated on FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC PRODUCE, in store and afloat. We invite particular attention to this branch of our business, in which we have unusual facilities.

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Orders for the purchase and sale of gold, Government bonds and other securities promptly executed. Advances made on approved collaterals.
Collections made throughout the United States, the British Provinces and Europe. Interest at four per cent. per annum allowed on deposits.
Subscriptions received to the First Mortgage Bonds of the Union Pacific Railroad Company. The bonds kept on hand for immediate delivery.

WINSLOW, LANIER & CO.,

BANKERS,
NO. 27 WALL-ST., NEW-YORK
ISSUE LETTERS OF CREDIT for Travelers' use available in all parts of the world.
GOVERNMENT AND OTHER SECURITIES bought and sold at the Stock Exchange on usual commission.
Interest allowed on deposits.

DREXEL, WINTHROP & CO.,
NO. 18 WALL-ST.,
Issue letters of credit for
TRAVELERS,
Available in all the principal cities of Europe, through
DREXEL, HARJES & CO.,
NO. 3 RUE SCRIBE,
PARIS.

ROWLES BROTHERS & CO.,
BANKERS AND COMMISSION MERCHANTS,
NO. 12 RUE DE LA PAIX, PARIS,
No. 19 William-st., New-York,
No. 78 State-st., Boston.
Make advances on American securities and cash coupons on demand. Bills on the United States or England bought and sold. Circular notes issued.
Letters for Americans in Europe addressed to our care will be forwarded or delivered.

BROWN BROTHERS & CO.,
NO. 59 WALL-ST.,
Issue COMMERCIAL and TRAVELERS' CREDITS AVAILABLE in all PARTS of the WORLD.

OFFICE OF THE CLEVELAND AND TOLEDO RAILROAD CO., Feb. 11, 1869.

NOTICE.—AT A MEETING OF THE BOARD of Directors this day, it was unanimously resolved that the contract for consolidating the capital stock of this Company with that of the Lake Shore Railway be approved, and it was ordered that a special meeting of the stockholders, to ratify said contract of consolidation, be held at the office of the Company in Cleveland, Ohio, on THURSDAY, the 18th day of March, 1869, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 3 P. M.
It was also ordered, that in case of the ratification of said contract, a meeting of the stockholders shall be held at the same place, between the hours of 2 and 4 P. M. of said 18th day of March, for the purpose of electing Directors for such consolidated Company.
The transfer books of the Company will be closed on the 20th day of February, 1869, and opened on the 20th day of March, 1869.
GEO. B. ELY, Secretary.

MERCHANTS' AND MECHANICS' NATIONAL BANK OF TROY.—Notice is hereby given that a vote of the shareholders owning two-thirds of the Stock of this Association in this Corporation and the United States four hundred feet pier running northerly from the Light-house at Oswego, N. Y., will be received at this office, addressed to the undersigned, until 12 o'clock noon, of the 8th day of March, 1869.
MATERIALS REQUIRED.
CLASS A.
6,707 lbs. wrought iron material, or as much as may be required, assorted in three items, viz.: Item 1. Drift bolts. Item 2. Screw and washer bolts. Item 3. Spikes. Each item to be bid and paid for by the pound.
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All the above to be let by class.
Bids for items of a class without covering all the items of a class will be rejected.
Bids for items of a class without or parties must accompany each bid, that the bid shall be made good; and the sufficiency of the guarantors must be certified by a United States District Attorney, Collector of Customs, or other officer of the United States Government, or responsible person known to this office.
Bonds for the faithful performance of the contract will be required in each case in sums to be fixed by the undersigned, and no bonds will be accepted whose sufficiency is not proven to the satisfaction of the undersigned.
Bids are to be signed and bonds executed at 12 M., April 1, 1869.
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All further necessary information may be obtained as to class B by personal application at this office, between the hours of 11 A. M. and 3 P. M. until the 23d day of March, 1869; and as to class A, either by personal application, or by mail for a copy of the specifications.
Bids and guarantee bond to be submitted on blanks furnished from this office on application; and each bidder must submit with the bid the names of the two bondsmen he intends to use, with evidence, satisfactory to the undersigned, of their sufficiency.
M. D. MCALLISTER,
Brevet Brigadier-General,
Major of Engineers.

SAVINGS BANKS.

UNION DIME SAVINGS BANK,
Nos. 396 and 398 CANAL-ST., corner LAIGHT.
SIX PER CENT. INTEREST ON $5 TO $5,000.
ASSETS, $5,836,736 53.

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Corner 32d-st. and 3d-ave.
Open daily from 10 A. M. to 3 P. M., and on Monday, Wednesday and Saturday evenings, from 6 to 8 o'clock.

PROPOSALS.

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PROPOSALS FOR ENGRAVINGS OF THE ILLUSTRATIONS ACCOMPANYING THE REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS FOR THE YEAR 1868.
OFFICE COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS,
WASHINGTON, Feb. 12, 1869.
SEALED PROPOSALS will be received at this office until March 18, 1869, at 10 o'clock, for furnishing one set of electrotype pages of the ILLUSTRATIONS OF INVENTIONS, etc., accompanying the Report of the Commissioner of Patents for the Year 1868, with the name of the patentee and the character of the invention on each illustration, or for otherwise furnishing the illustrations for that report.
The drawings will be furnished on paper to the contractor, who must arrange them into pages in numerical order, as nearly as is consistent with neatness and convenience, and of such size as will meet the office rules of the Patent Office Report of 1867, in accordance with the standard heretofore adopted by the Commissioner, and furnish proofs for the quality of work, but a duplicate set of the electrotype plates of the finished printing promptly them to also invite proposals for electrotype plates of an inferior style of execution, and for the work of furnishing the illustrations by engraving, lithography or any other process.
The awards will be made to the lowest and best bidder for the interest of the Government, the regularity and quality of the execution of the work, under the direction of the Joint Committee on Printing, who reserve the right to reject any or all of the bids.
Bidders must procure from the Congressional Printer Specimens of operations sufficient to satisfy him of their ability to perform the work, and accompany their bids with a specimen of their work. With a every statement that specimen of work is the work of that bidder, and that he is prepared to produce the necessary facilities for prompt and proper execution of the work. If the bid is for supplying electrotype plate pages, one of these pages must be furnished, that it may be subjected to practical tests.
Bidders are required to propose for the work by the illustration, with the understanding that, when more than one illustration is required to illustrate an invention or design, (as is sometimes the case,) the whole number of figures will be estimated and paid for as a single illustration.
No proposal will be considered unless accompanied by a bond with security, to the approval of a United States Judge or District Attorney, in the penalty of $5,000, that the bidder, if his bid be accepted, will execute the work in accordance with the proposal.
The Commissioner of Patents will be about the same as for the last published volume.
Any further information that may be required will be furnished in reference to this office, or to the Commissioner of Patents.
Blank forms will be furnished upon application to the undersigned, and no proposal will be considered unless on the blank form furnished.
Proposals will be addressed to "The Joint Committee on Printing, Washington, D. C.," care of Hon. R. R. Anthony, U. S. Senate; Hon. A. R. Leslie, House of Representatives, and endorsed "Proposals for Engraving" on the envelope.
JOHN D. DEFREES,
Congressional Printer.

SEALED PROPOSALS
Will be received by the Commissioner of Schools at the office of the Clerk of the Board of Education, corner of Grand and Elm sts., until WEDNESDAY, the 17th day of March, 1869, at 12 o'clock P. M. on said day, for the erection of a new school building on the new school building on 41st-st., near Avenue C.
Specifications can be seen at the office of the Superintendent of Buildings and Repairs, No. 146 Grand-st., third floor.
The Trustees reserve the right to reject any or all of the proposals offered, if deemed by the public interest to do so.
EIRAM WIRELL,
JOSEPH WANGLER,
EDWARD MICHLING,
ARMOUR C. ANDERSON,
R. J. CULLIVAN, M. D.,
Board of Trustees, Eleventh Ward.
Dated MARCH 2, 1869.

FINANCIAL.

VERMILYE & CO.,

BANKERS,
REMOVED TO
NOS. 16 AND 18 NASSAU-ST.
DEALERS IN ALL ISSUES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AND IN GOLD AND GOLD COUPONS.

CLOSING PRICES.

	New-York, March 3, 1869.—2 P. M.						
	Bid.	Ask'd.			Bid.	Ask'd.
Registered, 1881	114	116	5-20 Coupon, 64		112½	113½
Coupon, 1881	115½	116	5-20 Coupon, 65		112½	113½
5-20 Registered, 62	112	113	5-20 Coupon, 67		112½	113½
5-20 Coupon, 62	112½	113½	5-20 Coupon, 68		112½	113½
5-20 Coupon, 64	112½	113½	10-40 Coupon		108½	109½
5-20 Coupon, 65	112½	113½	Gold		135½	135¾
5-20 Coupon, 66	112½	113½	U. S. Cur. Fd.		101½	102
5-20 Coupon, 67	112½	113½				
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Jan. and July	113½	113¾				

BUY AND SELL ON COMMISSION.
RAILWAY STOCKS, BONDS AND GOLD,
MAKING LIBERAL ADVANCES.
INTEREST ON DEPOSITS.

STOLEN FROM THE RESIDENCE of the subscriber, March 3, the CERTIFICATE NO. 903, for fifty shares of the capital stock of the Mount Morris Banking Association of the City of New-York, with the transfer thereon. The public are hereby cautioned against accepting the same, as steps have been taken for the issue of a new certificate.
THOMAS RIKER,
No. 4 Wall-st.

UNION TRANSPORT FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
NEW-YORK, March 1, 1869.
THE ANNUAL ELECTION FOR DIRECTORS of this Company will be held at the office, No. 128 Broadway, TUESDAY, March 9. Poll open from 12 M. to 1 P. M.
TIMOTHY Y. BROWN, Secretary.

WANTED—5TH-AV. RAILROAD STOCK, Williamsburg Bank, Brooklyn Ins., Commonwealth Ins., Sawyer's Ice, Mode Ins., and Kingsbridge Ins. Cont. panies stock, by ALBERT H. NICOLAY, 42 Pine-st.

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SHIPPING.

ONLY DIRECT LINE TO FRANCE.
THE GENERAL TRANSATLANTIC COMPANY'S MAIL STEAMSHIPS, BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND HAVRE, CALLING AT BREST.
The splendid vessels on this favorite route for the Continent will sail from Pier No. 42 North River, as follows:
VILLE DE PARIS, Surmont.....SATURDAY, Mar. 6
FRANCE, Lamoureux.....SATURDAY, Mar. 20
ST. LAURENT, Lemaire.....SATURDAY, April 3
Return of low rates to and from Paris, (with meals and lodging,) to HAVRE, First cabin, $140; second cabin, $80.
TO PARIS, including railway ticket, $145 and $85.
These steamers do not carry steerage passengers.
Passengers booked through to the principal points on the Continent of Europe by taking the steamers of this line, avoid both transit by English railways and the disagreeable crossing the Channel, besides saving time, trouble and expense.
GEO. MACKENZIE, Agent, No. 55 Broadway.

STEAM TO GLASGOW AND DERRY.
THE ANCHOR LINE.
Favorite Clyde-built Steamers are intended to sail
EVERY SATURDAY
From Pier No. 20 North River, 10 o'clock, noon.
CALEDONIA.....Mar. 6 COLUMBIA.....Mar. 27
BRITANNIA.....Mar. 13 EUROPA.....April 3
IOWA.....Mar. 20 INDIA.....April 10
Rates of passage (including meals and berths):
Cabin, to Liverpool, Glasgow or Derry, $60 and $70.
Excursion tickets, good for 12 months, $110.
Steerage to Glasgow or Derry, $30; intermediate, $35.
Prepaid Certificates from these ports, $30.
Passengers booked to and from Hamburg, Havre, Bremen, Antwerp, &c., at very low rates.
Drafts issued payable in any bank in Great Britain and Ireland.
For further information apply on the premises, foot of Pier 20, or at the Company's offices, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.
HENDERSON BROTHERS.

THE BRITISH AND NORTH AMERICAN ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIPS
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT COVE HARBOR,
SAILING EVERY WEDNESDAY.
JAVA.....Mar. 10 CUBA.....Mar. 31
RUSSIA.....Mar. 17 SCOTIA.....April 7
CHINA.....Mar. 24 AUSTRALASIAN.....April 14
Passage money payable in gold.
Cabin.....$120 Second Cabin.....$60
Cabin to Paris.....$145
No steerage passengers carried.
The owners of these ships will not be accountable for specie or valuables, unless bills of lading having the value expressed are signed therefor.
Through bills of lading given for Belfast, Glasgow, Havre, Antwerp and other ports on the Continent; and for Mediterranean ports.
For freight or passage apply to
E. CUNARD, No. 4 Bowling-green, New-York.

LIVERPOOL AND GREAT WESTERN STEAM COMPANY.
FOR LIVERPOOL
From Pier No. 46 North River, WEDNESDAYS.
NEBRASKA.....March 10, at 1 P. M.
MANHATTAN.....March 17, at 8 A. M.
MINNESOTA.....March 31, at 8 A. M.
NEVADA.....April 7, at
Cabin passage, $80, gold; Steerage, $30, currency.
Tickets to bring out friends at reduced rates from Europe can be obtained on reasonable terms.
For freight or passage apply to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 71 Wall-st.
For steerage passage, to
WILLIAMS & GUION, No. 29 Broadway.

CUNARD LINE OF STEAMERS,
BETWEEN NEW-YORK AND LIVERPOOL,
CALLING AT QUEENSTOWN.
FROM NEW-YORK EVERY THURSDAY.
ALEPPO.....Feb. 25 TRIPOLI.....Mar. 11
TARIFA.....Mar. 4 PALESTINE.....Mar. 18
RATES OF PASSAGE FROM NEW-YORK:
Cabin.....$80 Gold.
Steerage.....$30 Currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown at lowest rates.
For freight or passage, apply at No. 4 Bowling-green.
For steerage passage, No. 111 Broadway, Trinity Building.
E. CUNARD.

FOR LIVERPOOL AND QUEENSTOWN.
Inman line of mail steamers are appointed to sail as follows:
CITY OF LONDON.....Saturday, Mar. 6, 12 M.
CITY OF MANCHESTER, (via Halifax,) Tuesday, Mar. 9, 1 P. M.
CITY OF BROOKLYN.....Saturday, Mar. 13, 12 M.
CITY OF PARIS.....Saturday, Mar. 20, 11 A. M.
and each succeeding SATURDAY and alternate TUESDAY, from Pier No. 45 North River.
RATES OF PASSAGE
BY THE MAIL STEAMS SATURDAY. BY THE TUESDAY STEAMER VIA HALIFAX.

FIRST CABIN. PAYABLE IN GOLD.		STEERAGE. PAYABLE IN CURRENCY.	
Liverpool	$80	Liverpool	$30
Halifax	20	Halifax	15
St. John's, N. F.	37	St. John's, N. F.	20
Branch Steamer	40	Branch Steamer	30

Passengers also forwarded to Havre, Hamburg, Bremen, etc., at moderate rates.
Tickets can be bought here at moderate rates by persons wishing to send for their friends.
For further information apply at the Company's Offices.
JOHN G. DALE, Agent,
No. 15 Broadway, New-York.

NATIONAL LINE.
THE STEAMSHIP DENMARK, CUTTING, will sail WEDNESDAY, March 4, at 12 M., from Pier No. 47 North River.
Passage to Liverpool or Queenstown: Cabin, $100; Steerage, $30 currency.
Steerage tickets from Liverpool or Queenstown, $37, currency.
Apply at the Company's office, No. 69 Broadway.
E. W. J. HURST, Manager.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY'S
THROUGH LINE TO
CALIFORNIA AND CHINA.
Through rates, New-York to San Francisco:

First Cabin.	Steerage.	Second Cabin.	Steerage.
$205	$125	$150	$70

CHANGE OF SAILING DATE.
Steamers of the above line leave Pier No. 42 North River, foot of Canal-st., at 12 noon, on
ON 18TH, 11TH AND 21ST, EACH MONTH,
except when those days fall on Sunday, then the day previous.
One hundred pounds baggage free to each adult. Medicine and attendance free.
MARCUS D.—ALASKA, Capt. A. J. GRAY, connecting with CONSTITUTION, Capt. HUDSON.
Steamer leaves Panama March 12 and every alternate month thereafter.
Steamer leaves Panama March 12 and every alternate month thereafter, connecting with the splendid steamship GREAT REPUBLIC, leaving San Francisco April 5, for China and Japan.
J. HOTCHKIS, Agent, No. 1 Broadway.
Freight for steamer OCEAN QUEEN received until 4 P. M. on SATURDAY, 27th inst. All usual facilities afforded shippers in collecting inland charges, &c.
For freight or passage, apply to
F. R. BABY, Agent.

FOR ST. THOMAS AND BRAZIL.
UNITED STATES AND BRAZIL MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
REGULAR MAIL STEAMERS sailing on the 24th of every month for
SOUTH AMERICA, Capt. E. T. TIKKELPAUGH, Feb. 28.
MISSISSIPPI, Capt. GEO. E. SLOCUM, March 24.
MERRIMACK, Capt. W. WIRE, April 23.
These steamers touch at Rio Janeiro, Pernambuco, and call at St. Thomas, Para, Pernambuco, Bahia and Rio de Janeiro, going and returning. For engagements of freight or passage, apply to
R. R. GARRISON, Agent,
No. 6 Bowling-green, New-York.

FOR NASSAU, N. P.,
CARRYING THE ROYAL MAIL.
THE ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY will dispatch the splendid side-wheel steamer
COLUMBIA, Capt. R. VAN SICE, March 23,
at 3 o'clock, P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River. For engagements of freight or passage apply to S. G. WHEELER, Jr., President, No. 5 Bowling-green.

U. S. MAIL TO HAVANA.
ATLANTIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
Sailing regularly every THURSDAY, at 3 o'clock P. M., precisely, from Pier No. 4 North River.
COLUMBIA, Capt. R. VAN SICE.....Mar. 4
EAGLE, Capt. M. M. GREENE.....Mar. 11
MORRO CASTLE, Capt. J. WALKER.....Mar. 18
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HAVANA, SISAL AND VERA CRUZ.
New-York and Mexican Mail Steamship Line, from Pier No. 17 East River, at 10 A. M.
The splendid new steamers
CLEOPATRA, Capt. ROBERTS.....March 10
CITY OF MEXICO, Capt. DRAKE.....March 30
For freight or passage apply to
J. ALEXANDER & SONS, No. 64 Beaver-st.

FOR NEW-ORLEANS,
CALLING AT HAVANA,
Carrying the United States Mails.
The well-known sidewheel steamship
BERWINDE,
J. B. BAKER, Commander,
is now receiving freight, and will leave Pier No. 36 North River on
SATURDAY, March 6, at 4 o'clock P. M.
Through rates and through bills of lading given to Galveston, Indianola, Lavacca and Rock Port, Texas; Mobile, Ala., and all points in the Mississippi River.
No Havana freight received on day of sailing.
For freight or passage, apply to
LIVINGSTON, FOX & CO., No. 68 Liberty-st.

FOR MOBILE,
VIA FERNANDINA ROUTE.
The Florida Railroad Company will dispatch the side-wheel steamer ALABAMA, Capt. LIMBURNER,
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Steamships of this line will leave Pier No. 9 North River, at 3 o'clock P. M., as follows:
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RAILROADS.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS.
OFFICE OF THE ERIE RAILWAY COMPANY,
DUANE BUILDINGS,
NEW-YORK, Feb. 26, 1869.
On and after March 1, the Erie Railway Company will run the Express over the entire line of their routes, as the United States Express will cease to run on that date over the various roads and branches owned by this Company. The consolidation of the Erie, Atlantic and Great Western Railways, together with all their branches, making a direct line of communication between New-York and Cincinnati, embracing the entire line of the Erie, Buffalo, Pittsburgh and Chicago Railways, will be placed in the charge of reliable and experienced management.
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Express matter of every kind forwarded as fast and as safely as by any other Express Company. Shippers guaranteed for all loss and damage by the Erie Railway Company.
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G. A. FULLER, General Superintendent.

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Leave James-slip 8:30 A. M., Mail train for Greenport; 10 A. M., Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove; 3 P. M., Express, River Head; 4 P. M., Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove; 5:30 P. M., Farmingdale and way stations. All trains connect with branch to Hempstead and Garden City. 9:30 A. M. from Hunter's Point for Northport, Huntington and Glen Cove.
L. D. BARTON, Superintendent.

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9 A. M. Day Express for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and all points West and South.
3:30 A. M. Way Train, daily, for Otterville and intermediate stations.
4:30 P. M. Way Express, stopping only at Sterling Junction, Turner's, and stations west of Turner's, (except Oxford,) to Newburg, Warwick, Montgomery, Unionville and Port Jervis.
4 P. M. Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
5 P. M. Way Train for Suffern and intermediate stations.
5:30 P. M. Night Express, daily, for all points West and South. By this train sleeping coaches will run through to Buffalo, Rochester, Cleveland and Cincinnati, without change.
9 P. M. Emigrant Train, daily, for the West.
Also Way Trains for Rutherford Park, Passaic and Paterson at 6:45 and 9:15 A. M., 12 M., and 3, 4:30, 5:45 and 11 P. M. On Wednesday nights a Theatre Train at 12 o'clock for Suffern and intermediate stations.
SUNDAY TRAINS—8:30 A. M. Way Train for Otterville; 1:30 P. M. for Paterson; 5:30 P. M. Night Express, for Rochester, Buffalo, Dunkirk, Cleveland, Cincinnati, and all points West and South; 8 P. M. Emigrant and Way Train; 11 P. M. for Paterson and Port Jervis.
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WM. R. BARR, Gen'l Pass. Agent.
H. RIDDLE, Gen'l Sup't.

HUDSON RIVER AND HARLEM RAILROADS.—On and after MONDAY, Nov. 23, trains leave Albany and Troy, connecting with Northern and Western roads, will leave New-York as follows:
8 A. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, 50th-st. depot, through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars, and connecting at Troy with trains for Rutland and North. Drawing-room cars from New-York to Rochester, connecting with parlor cars for the West, via either North or South Shore Line.
10 A. M. Express Train via Harlem Railroad, 26th-st. and 4th-av., connecting at Chatham with Western Railroad for Lebanon Springs, Pittsfield, etc., at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga, Rutland, Burlington and the North.
1:30 P. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, connecting at Albany with trains for the West. Drawing-room car attached to this train through to Troy.
3:30 P. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, with drawing-room car attached, connecting at Albany with Western trains, and at Troy with trains for Montreal, with sleeping car attached.
4:30 P. M. Express Train via Harlem Railroad, for Albany and Troy, connecting at Albany with Western trains. Sleeping cars attached at Albany.
7 P. M. Express Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping cars attached, through to Buffalo and Suspension Bridge without change of cars. Also sleeping cars every day, except Saturday, without change, to Niagara Falls and Buffalo. Connection for Troy will be made at East Albany. Train train will run on Sundays.
11 P. M. Train via Hudson River Railroad, with sleeping cars attached, connecting at Albany with early trains for Buffalo and Suspension Bridge, and at Troy with trains for Saratoga and points North.
A Sunday train will be run via Hudson River Railroad, leaving New-York at 7 A. M., stopping at intermediate stations, leaving New-York at 9 A. M., returning, leaves Poughkeepsie at 3 P. M., arriving in New-York at 8 P. M.
A Sunday train via Harlem Railroad, leaving 26th-st. at 9 A. M., and arriving at Millerton at 3:40 P. M. Returning, leaves Millerton at 4:40 P. M., arriving at New-York at 10 P. M.
WM. H. VANDERBILT, Vice-President.

SOUTHSIDE RAILROAD OF LONG ISLAND.—Leave Roosevelt-st. Ferry, Brooklyn: 8:30 A. M., mail train; 3:15 P. M., express for Sayville, Patchogue, etc.; 4:15 P. M., accommodation for Islip and way stations. Leave Montauk Dock, foot of Roosevelt-st., 7:30 A. M., accommodation, and Saturday, 2:30 A. M., express, and 12:30 mail. Leave Jamaica, 7:20, 8:35, 8:50 A. M. and 3:30 P. M.
R. WHITE, Superintendent.

NORTHERN RAILROAD OF NEW-JERSEY.—Trains will leave New-York by the Pavonia Ferry, Chambers-st., as follows: 7:45 A. M., 4, 4:15, 5:15 and 6:30 P. M. And Saturday, only 12, midnight. The 7 and 4:15 P. M. run through to Hackettstown. Jan. 18, 1869.
THOS. W. DEMAREST, Supt.

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FOR BOSTON, VIA NEWPORT AND FALL RIVER.
BY THE OLD FALL RIVER LINE,
BETWEEN
NEW-YORK AND BOSTON,
NEWPORT, FALL RIVER, TAUNTON,
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R. LITTLEFIELD, Agent,
NEW-YORK, Aug. 15, 1868. No. 2 Broadway, N. Y.

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PRESIDENT JOHNSON.

Record of the Principal Events of His Administration.

His Conflict with Congress, Impeachment and Trial.

Farewell Address to the People of the United States.

His Own Policy Defended and Congress Violently Assailed.

At the Baltimore Republican Convention of June 7, 1864, ANDREW JOHNSON, a life-long Southern Democrat who had evinced a tendency to affiliate with the Republicans only by his violent opposition to secessionism, was nominated expressly as a candidate of convenience; it was urged and believed that his selection would lead to the firm union of the War Democracy, which he represented, with the Republican Party. This convenient candidate has proved a most inconvenient one; and in every sense a most unsuccessful one. After four years of a bitter contest with the party that thus nominated him, and a fruitless attempt to revive the dead party with which he had always been associated, Mr. JOHNSON leaves the Presidential office without any party at all, and it is difficult to tell whom he has most harmed, his friends or his enemies.

In the following paragraphs we propose to give, without unnecessary comment, a brief history of the more important points of his Administration.

REPUDIATION OF GEN. SHERMAN'S AGREEMENT.

The oath of office was administered to Mr. JOHNSON, as President, on April 15, 1865, a few minutes after the death of Mr. LINCOLN. One of his first important acts was the repudiation of the basis of agreement entered into by Gen. SHERMAN with the rebel Gen. JOE JOHNSTON, for the surrender of the army under his command. The agreement was repudiated for the reasons that it was an exercise of authority not vested in Gen. SHERMAN; it was practically an acknowledgment of the rebel Government; it undertook to reestablish the State Governments as they existed during the rebellion, and leaving the questions of slavery and the validity of the new legal State Governments in the South to be settled by the Southern people; it permitted the rebel States to retain the arms with which the rebel armies were armed in their respective capitals; it practically abolished the Confiscation laws, and it granted terms which had been repeatedly rejected by President LINCOLN. Gen. SHERMAN was ordered to terminate his truce with JOHNSTON at once, and the latter then surrendered on the terms granted to LEE. The war was practically ended by this surrender—that of KIRBY SMITH, beyond the Mississippi River, following as a consequence in a short time.

THE LINCOLN ASSASSINS.

Eight of BOOTH's confederates in the assassination conspiracy were arrested within a few days after Mr. JOHNSON's accession, and their trial by Military Commission was at once proceeded with. The sentences were approved by President JOHNSON on July 5. On the next day PAYNE, HAROLD, ATZEROTT and Mrs. SURRATT were executed. The others were sentenced to hard labor, for various terms, in military and other prisons. One of them, Dr. SAMUEL MUDD, has since been pardoned by Mr. JOHNSON. JOHN H. SURRATT escaped to Europe, but was subsequently arrested and brought to this country, tried, but not convicted, and was finally released on bail.

RECONSTRUCTION.

Mr. JOHNSON early began the work of the political reconstruction of the rebel States, not waiting for the assembling of Congress, or calling that body together to sanction the measures adopted. On May 29 he issued a proclamation, establishing a Provisional Government for North Carolina. It appointed W. W. HOLDEN, a noted loyalist, Provisional Governor; ordered a Constitutional Convention, to be composed of loyal men, elected only by those who had taken the amnesty oath, or had never engaged in rebellion, and denied suffrage to the freedmen, leaving the question of suffrage to be decided by the States. By the 19th of July, 1865, similar Provisional Governments were established in Mississippi, Georgia, Texas, Alabama, Florida and South Carolina. Some of the Governors thus appointed soon displayed a disposition to court the old power which had formerly ruled, Gov. PERRY, of South Carolina, among others, retaining in their positions all the officers of the State as under the rebel administration. The Constitutional Conventions of the several States met in August and September, and although they performed the duties set for them in repealing the secession ordinances and declaring slavery forever abolished, they evinced a decided spirit of adherence to the old doctrines and the old leaders, whose influence and power it was hoped the war had destroyed. The elections of State officers and members followed as provided by the Conventions; and when Congress was ready to assemble in December, 1865, it was found that the States reconstructed under Mr. JOHNSON's policy and supervision had sent as members elect only old leaders who had been prominent in the rebellion. Few of them could take the oath required by the act of July, 1862, to the effect that they had never borne arms against the United States, or given aid to the rebels; one of them had been the Vice-President of the Southern Confederacy, and many of them had been General officers in its army. Mr. JOHNSON had hastened reconstruction, evidently with the hope that the men then elected would be admitted without opposition on the opening of Congress in December, 1865, thus at once restoring them to their former legislative powers. This hope, and the fears of the Republican members, were dissipated by Mr. MCPHERSON, Clerk of the House, who in calling the roll and organizing the House, omitted the names of the reconstructed States. The claims of the Southern members elect were at once disallowed, and a Reconstruction Committee was appointed to inquire into the condition of the Southern States. From this time forward the opposition to Mr. JOHNSON's policy was strongly developed, and Congress advancing a scheme of its own, that of Mr. JOHNSON failed. He, however, persisted in declaring that the States reconstructed by him were "entitled to enjoy their constitutional rights as members of the Union;" and that while he "shared with Congress the strongest desire to secure to the freedmen the full enjoyment of their freedom and property and their independence and equality in making contracts for their labor," he opposed the giving the right of suffrage to the freedmen or the apportionment of Southern representation to the number of qualified voters. This policy he persisted in pursuing to the bitter end.

In pursuance of its own scheme of reconstruction, Congress, early in 1866, passed a bill enlarging the powers of the Freedmen's Bureau, and later a joint resolution declaring that no Senator or Representative from the eleven insurrectionary States should be admitted into either House of Congress until Congress, and not the President, shall have declared such State entitled to representation. In March the Civil Rights bill, conferring citizenship on the freedmen and providing for their protection by the National Courts and officers, was passed, with little difficulty, over the President's veto, and from that time forward the opposition to him was thoroughly organized. Congress in the quiet pursuance of its own scheme of reconstruction passed (June 8, 1866, in the House, and June 18 in the Senate,) the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution, extending citizenship to all persons born or naturalized in the United States; forbidding the abridgment of their rights by any State, apportioning representation according to the population in States where all citizens are allowed to vote, and according to the voters in all other States, and declaring the validity of the public debt and the illegality of all claims for debts of any States incurred in aiding the rebellion. Reconstruction acts were passed March 2, 1867, and (supplementary) March 23, July 19, 1867, and March 11, 1868, providing for the government of the rebel States in their transitory state. In the meantime the Senate action of the States had been annulled, new Constitutions had been adopted and the majority of them have up to the present time been provided with State Governments and admitted to representation in both Houses of Congress. Arkansas was admitted by an act passed over the President's veto, on June 22, 1868, in the House, and June 25 in the Senate. Three days after, a like act, restoring North Carolina, South Carolina, Louisiana, Georgia, Alabama and Florida was passed over the President's veto. Virginia, Mississippi and Texas, having by vote rejected the Constitutions framed in accordance with the acts of Congress, remain excluded from representation.

THE NEW-ORLEANS MASSACRE.

The most painful and bloody episode of the reconstruction contest was the New-Orleans riot of July 30, 1866. The old Convention of 1864 called during the war and while Gen. BANKS was in command in the State, was called by the Vice-President of that body to reassemble for the purpose of framing a new State Constitution. When it met, however, the civil authorities of New-Orleans under the lead of Mayor MONROE, who had been dismissed from his office by Gen. BUTLER on the capture of the city in 1862, attempted to disperse the members, and an affray occurred in which about thirty negroes and three white men were murdered by the mob. Gen. ABSALOM BAIRD, Commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau in Louisiana, who was in temporary command of the city during Gen. SHERIDAN's absence in Texas, immediately declared martial law and released the members of the Convention who had been arrested by Mayor MONROE's Police. The Mayor protested against this and appealed by telegraph to President JOHNSON, who in response assured the Attorney-General of the State that the military would not be supported in their usurpation of authority in declaring martial law. The Congressional Committee appointed to investigate the riot reported that the number of persons known to have been killed was 38, of whom 37 were loyal and 34 colored; while of the 146 wounded, all but ten were loyal men. The report characterized the riot as a brutal and wanton attack set on foot by disloyal persons.

"SWINGING ROUND THE CIRCLE."

On Aug. 12, 1866, the President, accompanied by Secretary SEWARD and other members of the Cabinet, Gen. GRANT and Admiral FARRAGUT, left Washington on a tour to Chicago, to attend the laying of the corner-stone of a monument to STEPHEN A. DOUGLAS. Unfortunately, before proceeding far, the demonstrations both on the part of the people and of Mr. JOHNSON took a political form, and throughout the whole route, going and returning, unseemly exhibitions of intemperate speeches and rude insults were witnessed, and, fully detailed, were published all over the country. The speeches of Mr. JOHNSON were generally violent denunciations of Congress, and individual members of that body; not unfrequently he condescended to reply to taunting remarks made by individuals in the crowd. The city authorities of one or two cities refused to tender the hospitalities of the city to the President and those in his party. At Indianapolis, Ind., a riot occurred during the time the President was speaking, and one man was killed and several wounded. It was charged that the political purpose of this tour was to affect the elections which were to follow in October, but if such design was entertained the demonstrations did not result as hoped for. The elections of October, 1866, were carried by the Republicans by increased majorities. On the reassembling of Congress in December, 1866, it was found that the party was strengthened, and its first acts indicated that its previously adopted policy of reconstruction would not be in any wise moderated or changed.

THE MEXICAN QUESTION.

The invasion of Mexico by the French in 1862, was undertaken under the belief that the disruption of the United States was inevitable, and that neither of the two separated parts would have the power to enforce the Monroe Doctrine against the foreign Prince whom NAPOLEON intended to establish there. It became evident on the suppression of the rebellion, that the Empire in Mexico must fall with it; and one of the first acts of Mr. SEWARD, who had during the whole war openly expressed his doubts as to the sincerity of NAPOLEON's declarations that he merely proposed to collect the debt due France, was to demand the withdrawal of the French as soon as possible. In response, the French Government fixed a date—November, 1866—but failing to keep its promise, Minister CAMPBELL and Gen. SHERMAN were dispatched to Mexico to hurry up the evacuation, and Mr. SEWARD wrote to Mr. DAYTON at Paris as follows: "You will inform the Emperor's Government that the President desires and sincerely hopes that the evacuation of Mexico will be accomplished in conformity with the existing arrangement, so far as the inopportune complication necessitating this dispatch will permit. On this point Mr. CAMPBELL will receive instructions. *Instructions will also be sent to the military forces of the United States, which are placed in a post of observation, and are waiting the special orders of the President*, and this will be done with confidence, that the telegraph or the courier will bring us intelligence of a satisfactory resolution on the part of the Emperor in reply to this note." This threat had its desired effect, and the evacuation of the French at once took place, February, 1867.

MAXIMILIAN remained, and with a force of Germans and Mexicans attempted to maintain his Empire. But he was surrounded and besieged in Queretaro in the following March, and on being captured was executed. The French invasion was thus brought to an unsuccessful conclusion.

THE FENIAN DEMONSTRATIONS.

During April, May and June, 1866, the Fenian organizations in various parts of the country made demonstrations against Canada. In April a few hundred Fenians appeared at Eastport, Me., and subsequently other points were threatened. In June a considerable body crossed the border at Buffalo, and several considerable skirmishes took place. The President promptly issued, June 6, a proclamation denouncing the enterprise as a violation of the neutrality laws, and directing Gen. MEADE, Commander of the Department of the East, to quell the uprising, which he did by the judicious measures of seizing arms and ammunition, and arresting the officers of the Fenian army.

AMNESTIES.

During his administration Mr. JOHNSON, as he has frequently boasted, has largely exercised his prerogative of pardon, and has issued a number of amnesty proclamations. On May 29, 1865, he issued his first amnesty, pardoning the vast majority of those engaged in the rebellion, but holding certain classes amenable to prosecution for their offences. Large numbers of these, however, were pardoned by special order of the President in each case. So largely and to all appearance so indiscriminately was the power of pardon exercised in this way, that Congress repealed the privilege of pardon by wholesale. Nevertheless, the President proclaimed, Sept. 7, 1867, a full pardon to more of those excepted in the first amnesty; and July 4, 1868, issued a general amnesty, pardoning all not then under indictment for treason. On Feb. 22, 1869, he completed this work by pardoning these, even including JEFF. DAVIS, BRECKENRIDGE, &c., who are restored to their rights and privileges, and all property not slaves or confiscated to the Government.

IMPEACHMENT.

Notwithstanding the expressed will of the people in favor of the reconstruction views of Congress, the President continued at every opportunity to bring his veto to bear against all the measures of Congress, looking to such reconstruction. The bills permitting negro suffrage in the District of Columbia, admitting Colorado and Nebraska as States under certain conditions, regulating the franchise in the Territories, and others of similar purport, were all vetoed, and this continued opposition led the House to institute measures for his impeachment. The disloyal tendency in the South was so aggravated by this encouragement from an unexpected quarter, that even stronger reconstruction measures became necessary. Mr. SHERMAN reported a bill from the Reconstruction Committee to establish Military Governments in the South, and the Tenure-of-Office bill, restricting the authority of the President to remove his Cabinet officers, or any others during a recess of Congress, or without the consent of the Senate, was passed in both Houses over the veto. On the 7th of January, 1867, Mr. ASHLEY, in the House, offered a resolution charging "ANDREW JOHNSON, Vice-President and Acting President, with the commission of acts which in the estimation of the Constitution are high crimes and misdemeanors, for which he ought to be impeached. This resolution was agreed to by a vote of 126 to 38. A resolution to the same effect was also offered the same day by Mr. KELSO, of Missouri. On the 4th of March the Fortieth Congress convened, and Senator BEN. WADE, of Ohio, was elected President of the Senate. In the meantime differences had arisen between the President and Mr. STANTON, Secretary of War, and the former was very much dissatisfied with the action of Gens. SHERIDAN and SICKLES, commanding respectively the Military Districts of Louisiana and South Carolina. On the 5th of August the President directed Mr. STANTON to send in his resignation. This Mr. STANTON declined to do. On the 12th Gen. GRANT, at the President's request, assumed the duties of Acting Secretary of War, Mr. STANTON giving up the office under protest. On the 17th inst. the President directed the removal of Gen. SHERIDAN, and submitted the proposition to Gen. GRANT, who strongly protested, and urged that the Reconstruction laws gave him (GRANT) alone the right to change the military commanders. However, on the 26th, the order was issued direct from Gen. GRANT's headquarters, and also one removing Gen. SICKLES. Congress reassembled in November, and the report of the Judiciary Committee of the House, favoring impeachment, was read and rejected by a vote of 57 to 108. The President sent in a message to the Senate early in December, giving his reasons for the suspension of Secretary STANTON. On the 12th of January, 1868, the Senate refused to concur in the suspension by a vote of 35 to 10, and Mr. STANTON immediately resumed his functions, Gen. GRANT vacating in his favor. Out of this action of Gen. GRANT's grew a long correspondence between him and the President, which resulted in a bitter quarrel, and, in view of it, Mr. STEVENS, in the House Committee, again broached the subject of impeachment. It was, however, laid on the table.

On the 21st of February, Congress being at the time in session, the President issued a peremptory order removing Mr. STANTON, and appointing Adjt.-Gen. LORENZO THOMAS Secretary of War *ad interim*. Mr. STANTON, however, refused to give up the office and fortified himself within its doors. On the next day a resolution for the impeachment of the President was passed in the House by a vote of 126 to 47. A Committee of Seven to conduct the proceedings was appointed, and the action was formally announced to the Senate. The articles charged the President with conspiracy, unlawful removals and appointments, attempting to subvert the rightful authority of Congress, and with making intemperate harangues before the people. After the settlement of some preliminaries, the Senate was organized as a High Court of Impeachment on the 5th of March. On the 23d the President appeared by counsel and presented his answer to the impeachment. The next day the House Managers of the Impeachment made their replications, reaffirming the charges.

The trial accordingly was commenced on the 30th of March, Chief Justice CHASE presiding, Mr. BUTLER, of the Managers, chiefly conducting the prosecution, and Mr. STANBERY, Attorney-General, Messrs. EVARTS, GROESBECK, NELSON, and CURTIS appearing for the President. Among the witnesses who were examined were Gen. GRANT, Gen. SHERMAN, Adjt.-Gen. THOMAS, and numerous others of less note. The closing arguments commenced on April 22 and lasted until May 6. Several days' deliberation then took place with closed doors, and on May 16 the first vote was taken. It was on the eleventh article, and resulted in thirty-five for conviction and nineteen against, one vote short of the two-thirds majority required to convict. The seven Republicans who voted for acquittal were FESSENDEN, FOWLER, GRIMES, HENDERSON, ROSS, TRUMBULL, and VAN WINKLE. Two more of the articles having been voted upon with the same result, the High Court of Impeachment adjourned *sine die* on the 26th of May. Mr. STANTON immediately vacated the War Office, turning over the property to Adjt-Gen. TOWNSEND.

THE PURCHASE OF FOREIGN TERRITORY.

A treaty was concluded by the State Department with the Russian Government, on the 30th of March, 1867, by which all the Russian possessions in North America were ceded to the Government for the sum of $7,000,000. The Senate ratified this treaty on the 9th of April, and early in October the new territory was formally taken possession of by Gen. ROUSSEAU, as agent of the Government. A similar treaty was also concluded with Denmark, for the purchase of the Island of St. Thomas, but it has not been ratified by the Senate, and the House has evinced a disposition to refuse the necessary appropriation.

THE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATIONS.

The Republican Convention to nominate candidates for the Presidency and Vice-Presidency, met in Chicago on the 20th of May, and unanimously nominated Gen. ULYSSES S. GRANT for President. After six ballots were taken SCHUYLER COLFAX, Speaker of the House of Representatives, was nominated for Vice-President.

The Democratic National Convention met at Tammany Hall, New-York, on the 4th of July. President Johnson had intimated in a letter to a friend that he would accept the nomination, provided it was made as an indorsement of his course, but he only received a complimentary vote of 65. Several days were consumed in balloting, but without success, and finally, on the 9th of July, HORATIO SEYMOUR, the Chairman of the Convention, who had thrice declined, was nominated almost by acclamation. FRANCIS P. BLAIR, Jr., was then nominated for Vice-President. The elections took place on the 3d of November, and the electoral vote being counted in joint session of Congress on the 11th of February, disclosed the fact that GRANT and COLFAX were elected by 213 votes against 80 for SEYMOUR and BLAIR.

THE PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS.

WASHINGTON, March 3, 1869.

To the People of the United States:

The robe of office by constitutional limitation this day falls from my shoulders, to be immediately assumed by my successor. For him the forbearance and cooperation of the American people, in all his efforts to administer the Government within the pale of the Federal Constitution, are sincerely invoked. Without ambition to gratify, party ends to subserve, or personal quarrels to avenge, at the sacrifice of the peace and welfare of the country, my earnest desire is to see the Constitution of the Republic again recognized and obeyed as the supreme law of the land, and the whole people, North, South, East and West, prosperous and happy under its wise provisions.

In surrendering the high office to which I was called four years ago, at a memorable and terrible crisis, it is my privilege, I trust, to lay to the people of the United States a few parting words in vindication of an official course so ceaselessly assailed and aspersed by political leaders, to whose plans and wishes my policy to restore the Union has been obnoxious. In a period of difficulty and turmoil almost without precedent in the history of any people, consequent upon the closing scenes of a great rebellion and the assassination of the then President, it was perhaps too much on my part to expect of devoted partisans who rode on the waves of excitement, which at that time swept all before them, that degree of toleration and magnanimity which I sought to recommend and enforce and which I believe in good time would have advanced us infinitely farther on the road to permanent peace and prosperity than we have thus far attained. Doubtless had I, at the commencement of my term of office, unhesitatingly lent its powers, or perverted them to purposes and plans outside of the Constitution, and become an instrument to schemes of confiscation and of general and oppressive disqualification, I would have been hailed as all that was true, loyal and discerning, as the reliable tool of a party, whatever I might have been as the Executive of a nation. Unwilling, however, to accede to propositions of extremists, and bound to obey an every personal behest my oath to defend the Constitution, I need not perhaps be surprised at having met the fate of others whose only rewards for upholding constitutional rights and laws have been the condemnation of having attempted to do their duty, and the calm judgment of history. At the time a mysterious Providence assigned to me the office of President, I was, by the terms of the Constitution, the Commander-in-Chief of nearly a million of men under arms. One of my first acts was to disband and restore to the vocations of civil life this immense host, and to divest myself as far as I could of the unparalleled powers then incident to the office and the times. Whether or not in this step I was right, and how far deserving of the approbation of all the people, all can now on reflection judge, when reminded of the ruinous condition of public affairs that must have resulted from the continuance in the military service of such a vast number of men. The close of our domestic conflict found the army eager to distinguish itself in a new field by an effort to punish European intervention in Mexico. By many it was believed and urged that, aside from the assumed justice of the proceeding, a foreign war, in which both sides would cheerfully unite to vindicate the honor of the national flag and further illustrate the national prowess, would be the surest and speediest way of awakening national enthusiasm, reviving devotion to the Union and occupying a force concerning which grave doubts existed as to its willingness, after four years of active campaigning, once to return to the pursuits of peace. Whether these speculations were true or false, it will be conceded that they existed, and that the predilections of the army were for the time being in the direction indicated. Taking advantage of that feeling it would have been easy, as the Commander-in-Chief of the Army and Navy, and with all the power and patronage of the Presidential office as my disposal, to turn the concentrated strength of the nation against French interference in Mexico, and to inaugurate a movement which would have been received with favor by the military and a large portion of the people. It is proper in this connection that I should refer to the almost unlimited additional powers tendered to the Executive by the measures relating to Civil Rights and the Freedmen's Bureau, contrary to most precedents in the experience of public men. The powers thus placed within my grasp were declined as being in violation of the Constitution, dangerous to the liberties of the people, and tending to aggravate rather than heal the discords naturally resulting from our civil war. With a large army and augmented authority, it would have been no difficult task to direct at pleasure the destinies of the Republic, and to make secure my continuance in the highest office known to our laws. Had the people, whom I am addressing from the Presidential chair during the closing hours of a laborious term, consider how different would have been their present condition had I yielded to the dazzling temptation of foreign conquest, of personal aggrandisement and the desire to wield additional powers given them with justice consider that if I have not unduly magnified mine office, the public burdens have not been increased by my acts, and perhaps thousands or tens of thousands of lives sacrificed by visions of false glory, it cannot, therefore, be charged that my ambition has been of the ordinary or criminal kind which to the detriment of the people's rights and liberties ever seeks to grasp more and unwarranted powers, and to accomplish its purposes panders too often to a popular prejudice and party aims. What, then, have been the aspirations which guided me in my official acts? Those acts need not at this time an elaborate explanation. They have elsewhere been comprehensively stated and fully discussed, and become a part of the nation's history. By the future they are ready to be judged, knowing that, however imperfect, they at least show to the impartial mind that my sole ambition has been to restore the Union of the States, faithfully to execute the office of President, and to the best of my ability to preserve, protect and defend the Constitution. I cannot be censured if my efforts have been impeded in the interests of party faction, and if a policy, which was intended to reassure and conciliate the people of both sections of the country, was made the occasion of inflaming and dividing still further those who, only recently in arms against each other, yet as individuals and citizens were sincerely desirous, as I shall ever believe, of burying all hostile feelings in the grave of the past. The bitter war was waged on the part of the Government to vindicate the Constitution and save the Union; and if I have erred in trying to bring about a more speedy and lasting peace to extinguish heartburnings and enmities, and to prevent trouble in the South, which, retarding material prosperity in that region, injuriously affected the whole country, I have been content to rest my case with the more deliberate judgment of the people, and, as I have already intimated, with the distant future. The war, all must remember, was a stupendous and deplorable mistake. Neither side understood the other, and had this simple fact and its conclusions been kept in view, all that was needed was accomplished by the acknowledgement of the terrible wrong, and the expression of better feeling and earnest endeavor at atonement shown by both. In the prompt ratification of Constitutional amendments by the Southern States at the close of the war, not accepting the war as a confessed false step on the part of those who inaugurated it, was an error which, now only time can cure, and which, even at this late date, we should endeavor to palliate, experiencing, moreover, as all have done, the frightful cost of the arbitrament of the sword. Let us in the future, cling closer than ever to the Constitution as our only safeguard. It is to be hoped that not until the burdens now pressing upon us with such fearful weight are removed will our people forget the lessons of the war, and that, remembering them from whatever cause, peace between sections and States may be perpetual. The history of late events in our country, as well as of the greatest Governments of ancient and modern times, teach that we have everything to fear from a departure from the letter and spirit of the Constitution, and the undue ascendency of men allowed to assume power in what are considered desperate emergencies. Statesmen on becoming master of Rome, at once adopted measures to crush his enemies and to consolidate the power of his party. He established military colonies throughout Italy, deprived of the full Roman franchise the inhabitants of the Italian towns who had opposed his usurpation, confiscated their lands and gave them to his soldiers, and conferred citizenship upon a great number of slaves belonging to those who had proscribed him, thus creating at Rome a kind of body-guard for his protection. After having given Rome over to slaughter, and tyrannized beyond all example over those opposed to him and the legions, his terrible instrument of wrong, SYLLA could yet feel safe in laying down the ensigns of power so dreadfully abused, and in mingling freely with the families and friends of his myriad victims. The power which he had inspired continued after his voluntary abdication, and even in retirement his will was law to a people who had permitted themselves to be enslaved. What but a subtle knowledge and conviction that the Roman people had become changed, disconnected, and nearly broken in spirit could have induced this daring assumption? What but public indifference to consequences so terrible as to leave Rome open to every calamity, which subsequently befel her, could have justified the conclusions of the Dictator and tyrant in his startling experiment? We find that in the story which has already lived human nature and exigencies in Governments have not greatly changed. Who, a few years ago, in contemplating our future, could have supposed that in a brief period of bitter experience, every thing demanded in the name of military emergency, or dictated by despotic power would come to be considered as mere matters of course. That conscription, confiscation, loss of personal liberty, the subjection of States to military rule, and disfranchisement, with the extension of the right of suffrage merely to accomplish party ends, would receive the passive submission, if not acquiescence, of the people of the Republic. It has been clearly demonstrated by recent occurrences that encroachments upon the Constitution cannot be prevented by the President, however desirous or determined he may be. That unless the people interpose there is no power under the Constitution to check a dominant majority of two-thirds of the Congress of the United States. An appeal to the nation is entombed for with too much delay to meet emergencies while it left free to act, the people would correct in time such evils as might follow legislative usurpation. There is danger that the same power which disregards the Constitution will deprive them of the right to change their rulers except by revolution. We already see the jurisdiction of the Judiciary circumscribed when it was apprehended that the Courts would decide against laws having for their sole object the supremacy of party, while the veto power lodged in the Executive by the Constitution for the interest and protection of the people, and exercised by WASHINGTON and his successors, has been rendered nugatory by a partisan majority of two-thirds in each branch of the National Legislature. The Constitution evidently contemplates that when a bill is returned with the President's objections, it will be calmly reconsidered by Congress. Such, however, has not been the practice under the present party rule. It has become evident that men who pass a bill under partisan influences are not likely, through patriotic motives, to admit their error, and thereby weaken their own organizations by solemnly confessing it under the official oath. Pride of opinion, if nothing else, has intervened and prevented a calm and dispassionate reconsideration of a bill disapproved by the Executive as violative of the Constitution. It must be admitted that this condition of affairs has developed a defect which, under the aggressive tendency of the Legislative Department of the Government, may readily work its overthrow. It may, however, be remedied without illustrating the harmony of the instrument. The veto power is generally exercised upon constitutional grounds, and whenever it is so applied, and the bill returned with the Executive's reasons for withholding his signature, it ought to be immediately certified to the Supreme Court of the United States for its decision. If its constitutionality shall be declared by that tribunal it should then become a law. But if the decision is otherwise, it should fall without power in Congress to reenact and make it valid. In cases in which the vote rests upon hasty new, inconsiderate legislation, and in which no constitutional question is involved, I would not change the fundamental law; for, in such cases no permanent evil can be incurred into the Federal system. It is obvious that without such an amendment the Government, as it existed under the Constitution prior to the rebellion, may be wholly subverted and overthrown by a two-thirds majority in Congress. It is not, therefore, difficult to see how easy and how rapidly the people may lose (shall I not say have lost?) their liberties by an unchecked and uncontrollable majority in the law-making power; and, whenever deprived of their rights, how impossible they will be to regain them! Let us turn for a moment to the history of the majority in Congress, which has acted in such utter disregard of the Constitution, while public attention has been carefully and constantly turned to the past and existence of one of the South, and the servants of the people in high places have boldly perjured their trust, broken their oaths of obedience to the Constitution, and undermined the very foundations of liberty, justice and good government. When the rebellion was being suppressed by the volunteered services of patriot soldiers, amid the dangers of the battle-field, there was crept, without question, into place and power in the national councils. After all dangers had passed, when no armed foe remained—when a penitent people bowed their heads to the flag and renewed their allegiance to the Government of the United States, then it was that power first broke upon the vision of the nation and began to press about the thousands of lives and millions of treasure sacrificed in the suppression of the rebellion. They have since persistently sought to inflame the prejudices engendered between the sections, to retard the restoration of peace and harmony, and by every means to keep open and exposed to the poisonous breath of party passion the terrible wounds of a four years' war. They have prevented the return of peace, and the restoration of the Union; in every way rendered delusive the purposes, promises and pledges by which the army was marshaled, treason rebuked and rebellion crushed; and made the liberties of the people, and the rights and powers of the States, objects of constant attack. They have persecuted from the President his constitutional power of supreme command of the army and navy; they have destroyed the strength and efficiency of the Executive Department by making subordinate officers independent of it, and able to defy their chief; they have attempted to place the President under the power of a bold, defiant and treacherous Cabinet officer; they have robbed the Executive of the prerogative of pardon, rendered null and void acts of clemency granted to thousands of rebels by the express provisions of the Constitution, and committed the usurpation by legislative attempts to exercise this power in favor of party adherents; they have conspired to change the system of our Government by preferring charges against the President in the form of articles of impeachment, and contemplating before hearing or trial that he should be placed in arrest, held in durance, and when it became their pleasure to pronounce his sentence, driven from place and power in disgrace; they have in time of peace increased the National debt by a reckless and extravagant use of the public money, and thus added to the burdens which already weigh upon the people; they have permitted the nation to suffer the evils of a deranged currency to the enhancement in price of all the necessaries of life; they have maintained a large standing army for the enforcement of their measures of oppression; they have engaged in class legislation and built up and encouraged monopolies that the few might be enriched at the expense of the many; they have failed to act upon important treaties, thereby endangering our present peaceful relations with foreign Powers. Their course of usurpation has not been limited to inroads upon the Executive Department. By unconstitutional and oppressive enactments the people of ten States of the Union have been reduced to a condition more intolerable than that from which the patriots of the Revolution rebelled. Millions of American citizens can now say of their oppressors, with more truth than our fathers did of British tyrants, that they have "forbidden the Governments to pass laws of immediate pressing importance, unless their execution should be suspended until their assent should be obtained;" that they have "refused to pass other laws for the accommodation of large districts of people, unless those people would relinquish the right of representation in the Legislature, a right inestimable to them and formidable to tyrants only;" that they have "made judges dependent upon their will alone for the tenure of their offices and the amount and payment of their salaries;" that they have erected a multitude of new offices and sent hither swarms of officers to harass our people and eat out their substance; that they have affected to render the military independent and superior to the civil power; combined with others to subject us to a jurisdiction foreign to our Constitution and unacknowledged by our laws; quartered large bodies of armed troops among us; protected them by a mock trial from punishment for any murders which they should commit on the inhabitants of these States; imposed taxes upon us without our consent; deprived us of the benefits of trial by jury; taken away our charters; incited domestic insurrection among us; abolished our most valuable laws; altered fundamentally the forms of our Government; suspended our own Legislatures, and declared themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever. This catalogue of crimes, long as it is, is not yet complete. The Constitution vests the Judicial power of the United States in one Supreme Court, with such jurisdiction shall extend to all cases arising under the Constitution and the laws of the United States. Encouraged by this promise of a refuge from tyranny, a citizen of the United States, who by the order of a military commander, given under the sanction of a cruel and, delusive edict of Congress, had been denied the constitutional rights of liberty of conscience, freedom of the press and of speech, personal freedom from military arrest, of being held to answer for crime only upon presentment of an indictment, of trial by jury, of the writ of habeas corpus and the protection of a civil and constitutional Government—a citizen thus deeply wronged appeals to the Supreme Court for the protection guaranteed him by the organic law of the land. At once a frown and exclamation of ire by the ruthless hand of legislative power, stripped the ermine from the Judges, transferred the sword of justice to the General, and remanded the oppressed citizen to a degradation and bondage worse than death. It will also be recorded as one of the marvels of this time that a party claiming for itself a monopoly of consistency and patriotism, and boasting of its unlimited sway, endeavored, by a costly and deliberate trial, to impeach one who defended the Constitution and the Union, not only throughout the war of the rebellion, but during the whole term he served as Chief Magistrate, but, at the same time, could find no warrant or means at their command to bring to trial even the chief of the rebellion. Indeed, the remarkable failures in this case were so often repeated that, for propriety's sake, if for no other reason, it became at last necessary to extend to him an unconditional pardon. What more plainly than this illustrates the extremity of party management and inconsistency on one hand, and of faction, vindictiveness and intolerance on the other. Patriotism will hardly be encouraged when, in such a record, it can see that the instant reward may be most virulent party abuse and obloquy, if not attempted disgrace. Instead of seeking to make treason odious, it would, in truth, seem to have been their purpose rather to make the defence of the Constitution and Union a crime, and to punish with the death of traitors those who, if counter to party dictation, by all the means at their command.

Happily for the peace of the country, the war has determined against the assumed power of the States to withdraw at pleasure from the Union. The institution of slavery, also, found its destruction in a rebellion commenced in its interest. The question of slavery is now dead, and the war neither impaired nor destroyed the Constitution, but, on the contrary, preserved its existence, and made apparent its real power and enduring strength. All the rights granted to the States or reserved to the people are therefore intact. Among those rights is that of the people of each State to declare the qualifications of their own State electors. It is now assumed that Congress can control this vital right, which can never be taken away from the States without destroying the fundamental principle of the Government itself. It is necessary to the existence of the States as well as to the protection of the liberties of the people, for the right to select the electors in whom the political power of the State shall be lodged, invest the right of the State to govern itself. When deprived of this prerogative, the State will have no power worth retaining. All will be gone, and they will be subjected to the arbitrary will of Congress. The Government will then be centralized if not by the passage of laws that by the adoption, through partisan influence, of an amendment directly in conflict with the original design of the Constitution. This proves how necessary it is the people should require the administration of these great departments of the Government to be strictly within the limits of the Constitution. Their boundaries have been accurately defined, and neither should be allowed to trespass on the other; nor, above all, to encroach upon the reserved rights of the people and the States. The promises of the past four years will prove to the nations blessings, if they produce so desirable a result.

Upon those who become young men amid the sound of cannon and the din of arms, and who quietly returned to the farms, to the factories and the pursuits of the land, will principally devolve the solemn duty of perpetuating the Union of the States. In defence of which hundreds of thousands of their comrades expired, and hundreds of millions of national obligations were incurred. A manly people will not neglect the training necessary to that expression, but they should be jealous lest the civil be made subordinate to the military element. We need to encourage in every legitimate way a study of the Constitution for which the war was waged; a knowledge of the men and measures for whose wise checks, by those on men to occupy the places filled by their sentiers, will be the only hope of preserving the Republic. The young men of the nation, not yet under the control of party, must realize the duty to contribution, as outgrowth of the great rebellion, and be familiar with the fact that the country consists of the "United States," and that when the States surrendered certain great rights for the sake of a more perfect union, they retained rights as valuable and important as those they relinquished for the common weal. This sound old doctrine, far different from the teachings that led to the attempt to secede, and a kindred theory, that the States were taken out of the Union by the rash acts of conspirators that happened to dwell within their borders, must be received and advocated with the enthusiasm of early manhood, of the people will be ruled by corrupt combinations of the commercial centres, which, plethoric from wealth, annually migrate to the capital of the nation to purchase special legislation. Until the representatives of the people in Congress move fully exhibit the diversity views, and the interests of the whole nation and laws cease to be made without full discussion at the behest of some party leader, there will never be a proper respect shown by the law-making power either to the Judicial or Executive branch of the Government. The generation just beginning to use the ballot-box, it is believed, only need that their attention should be called to these considerations to indicate by their votes that they wish their representatives to observe all the restraints which the people, in adopting the Constitution, intended to impose on party excess.

Calmly reviewing my administration of the Government, I feel that (with a sense of accountability to God, having conscientiously endeavored to discharge my whole duty,) I have nothing to regret. Events have proved the correctness of the policy set forth in my first and subsequent messages. The woes which have followed the rejection of the benignant, magnanimous and constitutional rule are known and deplored by the nation. It is a matter of pride and gratification, in retiring from the most exalted position in the gift of a free people, to feel and know that in a long, arduous and eventful public life, I my action has never been influenced by desire for gain, and that I can in all sincerity inquire, whom have I defrauded? Whom have I oppressed? or, at whose hand have I received any bribe to blind my eyes therewith? No responsibility for wars that have been waged or blood that have been shed rests upon me. My thoughts have been those of peace, and my effort has ever been to allay contentions among my countrymen. Forgetting the past, let us return to the first principles of the Government, and unfurling the banner of our country, inscribe upon it in ineffaceable characters "The Constitution and the Union one and inseparable."

ANDREW JOHNSON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 4, 1869.

A drunken German named TOBIAS STEINER fell late on Wednesday night on the track of the South Bergen Railroad, at the juncture of Hudson and Jersey cities. He was so observed by a horse railroad car driver, too late, however, to save him from injury, for notwithstanding the breaks were put on immediately, two of the wheels passed over the unfortunate man, crushing his right leg and fracturing his left ankle. His wounds were dressed and he was sent home.

Movements of Ocean Steamers.

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FOR EUROPE.

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Main	March 4	New-York	Bremen.
Denmark	March 4	New-York	Liverpool.
City of London	March 4	New-York	Liverpool.